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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC), performed a preliminary assessment and visual site inspection (PA/VSI) to identify and assess the existence and likelihood of releases from solid waste management units (SWMU) and other areas of concern (AOC) at the Arnold Engineering Company (Arnold) facility in Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. This summary highlights the results of the PA/VSI and the potential for releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents from SWMUs and AOCs identified. In addition, a completed U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Preliminary Assessment Form (EPA Form 2070-12) is included in Attachment A to assist in prioritizing RCRA facilities for corrective action.

The Arnold facility manufactures electrical components including transmission cores and other magnetic materials. The facility generates and manages the following waste streams: spent mineral spirits (D001), spent trichloroethylene (TCE) (F001), spent corrosive (D002), spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005), nonhazardous paint sludge, nonhazardous waste coolant, nonhazardous foundry sand, nonhazardous foundry dust, nonhazardous waste ethylene glycol, nonhazardous process wastewater, nonhazardous used oil, and nonhazardous wastewater treatment sludge. The facility formerly generated spent 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) (F002) and spent methylene chloride (F002).

Arnold has operated at its current location since about 1958. The facility occupies 80 acres in a mixed-use area and employs about 500 people. The facility was built on vacant land and was originally owned and operated by Allegheny Ludlum Steel, which changed the facility name to Arnold Engineering Company in 1981. SPS Technologies, Inc., purchased the facility in 1987 and is the current owner and operator.

The facility's current regulatory status is that of a large-quantity generator of hazardous waste. Between 1980 and 1987, the facility was regulated under interim status as a hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal (TSD) facility. In November 1987, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) approved the closure of Arnold's Waste Acid Tank (SWMU 1) and Former Drum Storage Area (DSA) (SWMU 3) and withdrew the facility's RCRA Part A permit application.

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PRC identified the following 11 SWMUs and one AOC at the facility during the PA/VSI:

**Solid Waste Management Units**

1. Waste Acid Tank
2. Drum Storage Building
3. Former Drum Storage Area (DSA)
4. Wastewater Treatment System (WTS)
5. Cooling Ponds
6. Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off
7. Foundry Baghouses
8. Neutralization Tank
9. Chlorinated Solvent Satellite Accumulation Areas (SAA)
10. Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs
11. Used Oil SAAs

**Area of Concern**

1. Ground-Water Contamination

The potential for release from facility SWMUs 1 through 4, SWMUs 6 through 9, and SWMU 11 to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. SWMUs 1 and 3 were closed with IEPA approval in 1987; the rest of these SWMUs have a low potential for release because they either manage nonhazardous waste or have adequate secondary containment.

The potential for release from the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5) to ground water and on-site, subsurface soils is high. In the event of an overflow caused by storm water, wastewater in the Cooling Ponds can percolate into soils and ground water in the overflow percolation field. The facility representative stated that such overflow has occurred in the past. The potential for release from SWMU 5 to air is low to moderate. Volatile organic compounds (VOC) have been detected in the wastewater at low concentrations. The potential for release from SWMU 5 to surface water is low.

In 1991, VOCs were detected in the ground-water beneath the facility. VOCs included TCA, acetone, and methyl ethyl ketone. The source of the contamination has not been identified. Concentrations were below IEPA action limits, however, IEPA has not closed the issue. PRC considers the Ground-Water Contamination (AOC 1) to be an AOC.

The potential for release to environmental media from the Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 10) is low to moderate. During the VSI, one of the drums that comprise the unit was

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outdoors. The drum was covered but staining was observed beneath it. The facility representative explained that this was not standard practice. However, staining and pitting of the concrete beneath the drum suggests that drums have been managed there before.

The nearest residential area is located about 100 yards north of the facility. The facility has controlled-entry gates and 24-hour guard surveillance.

The nearest surface water body, the Kishwaukee River, is located 1 mile north of the facility and is used for recreational, agricultural, and industrial purposes. A small, intermittent tributary of the Kishwaukee River is located 0.5 mile northeast of the facility.

Ground water is used as an industrial, agricultural, municipal, and private water supply in the area. The nearest drinking water well is located 100 yards north and downgradient of the facility. There are about seven domestic wells downgradient, of and bordering the facility. The depths of these wells range from 45 to 218 feet in the sand and gravel aquifer. The City of Marengo also draws water from the shallow sand and gravel aquifer. Arnold's ground-water monitoring wells indicated ground water at 15 to 20 feet below ground surface (bgs). Arnold's private well is 846 feet bgs. No other active industrial wells lie within a 3-mile radius of the facility.

No sensitive environments are located on site. The nearest sensitive environment, wetlands along the Kishwaukee River, are located about 0.9 mile north of the facility. The wetland areas are made up mostly of seasonally flooded, palustrine, broad-leaved deciduous forest and semi-permanent open water areas.

PRC makes the following recommendations for the facility:

- Continue monthly ground-water monitoring near the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5) to monitor potential contamination from this unit. If contamination over IEPA action limits is discovered, overflow process wastewater should be contained.
- Line the discharge ditch that is part of the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8).
- Manage the Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 10) indoors.
- Determine the nature and extent of the Ground-Water Contamination (AOC 1) and identify if releases are ongoing.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC), received Work Assignment No. C05087 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Contract No. 68-W9-0006 (TES 9) to conduct preliminary assessments (PA) and visual site inspections (VSI) of hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities in Region 5.

As part of the EPA Region 5 Environmental Priorities Initiative, the RCRA and CERCLA programs are working together to identify and address RCRA facilities that have a high priority for corrective action using applicable RCRA and CERCLA authorities. The PA/VSI is the first step in the process of prioritizing facilities for corrective action. Through the PA/VSI process, enough information is obtained to characterize a facility's actual or potential releases to the environment from solid waste management units (SWMU) and areas of concern (AOC).

A SWMU is defined as any discernible unit at a RCRA facility in which solid wastes have been placed and from which hazardous constituents might migrate, regardless of whether the unit was intended to manage solid or hazardous waste.

The SWMU definition includes the following:

- RCRA-regulated units, such as container storage areas, tanks, surface impoundments, waste piles, land treatment units, landfills, incinerators, and underground injection wells
- Closed and abandoned units
- Recycling units, wastewater treatment units, and other units that EPA has usually exempted from standards applicable to hazardous waste management units
- Areas contaminated by routine and systematic releases of wastes or hazardous constituents. Such areas might include a wood preservative drippage area, a loading or unloading area, or an area where solvent used to wash large parts has continually dripped onto soils.

An AOC is defined as any area where a release to the environment of hazardous waste or constituents to the environment has occurred or is suspected to have occurred on a nonroutine and nonsystematic basis. This includes any area where a strong possibility exists that such a release might occur in the future.

The purpose of the PA is as follows:

- Identify SWMUs and AOCs at the facility
- Obtain information on the operational history of the facility
- Obtain information on releases from any units at the facility
- Identify data gaps and other informational needs to be filled during the VSI

The PA generally includes review of all relevant documents and files located at state offices and at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago.

The purpose of the VSI is as follows:

- Identify SWMUs and AOCs not discovered during the PA
- Identify releases not discovered during the PA
- Provide a specific description of the environmental setting
- Provide information on release pathways and the potential for releases to each medium
- Confirm information obtained during the PA regarding operations, SWMUs, AOCs, and releases

The VSI includes interviewing appropriate facility staff; inspecting the entire facility to identify all SWMUs and AOCs; photographing all visible SWMUs; identifying evidence of releases; making a preliminary selection of potential sampling parameters and locations, if needed; and obtaining additional information necessary to complete the PA/VSI report.

This report documents the results of a PA/VSI of the Arnold Engineering Company (Arnold) facility (EPA Identification No. ILD 005 163 803) in Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. The PA was completed on December 9, 1992. PRC gathered and reviewed information from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and EPA Region 5 RCRA files. PRC also gathered information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Illinois State Fire Marshall (ISFM), the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of Commerce



(USDC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The VSI was conducted on December 10, 1992. It included interviews with facility representatives and a walk-through inspection of the facility. PRC identified 11 SWMUs and one AOC at the facility.

PRC completed EPA Form 2070-12 using information gathered during the PA/VSI. This form is included in Attachment A. The VSI is summarized and 16 inspection photographs are included in Attachment B. Field notes from the VSI are included in Attachment C.

## **2.0 FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

This section describes the facility's location; past and present operations; waste generating processes and waste management practices; history of documented releases; regulatory history; environmental setting; and receptors.

### **2.1 FACILITY LOCATION**

The Arnold facility is located at 300 West Street in Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. Figure 1 shows the location of the facility in relation to the surrounding topographic features (latitude 42°15'14" N and longitude 88°37'14" W). The facility occupies 80 acres in a mixed-use area.

The facility is bordered on the north by Chicago and North Western Railroad tracks and residential property, on the west by open farms and residential property, on the south by U.S. Highway 20, and on the east by residential property.

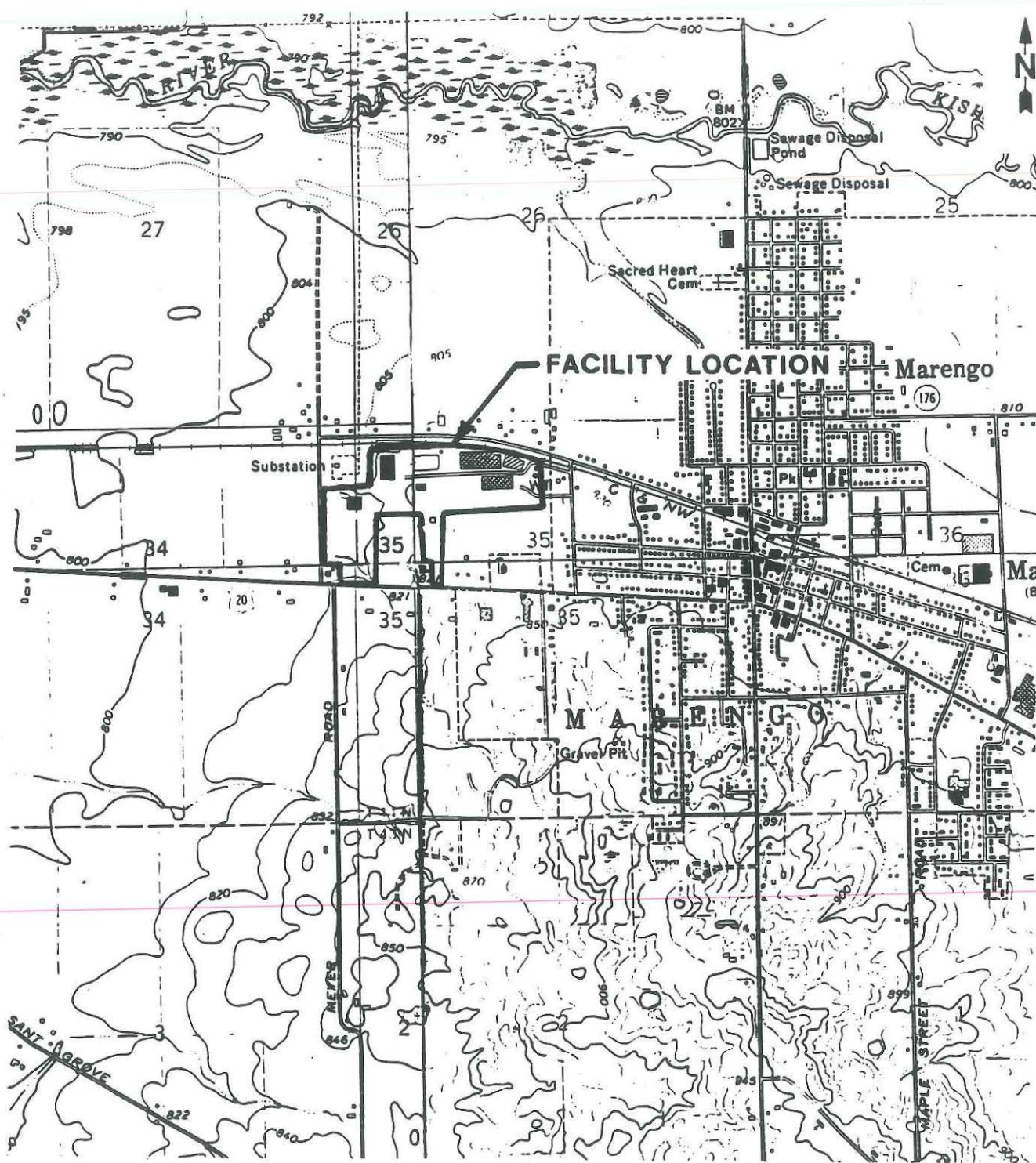
### **2.2 FACILITY OPERATIONS**

Arnold manufactures electrical components, including transmission cores and other magnetic materials. The facility began operations in 1958 and currently employs about 500 people. Before construction of the facility, the land was vacant and idle.

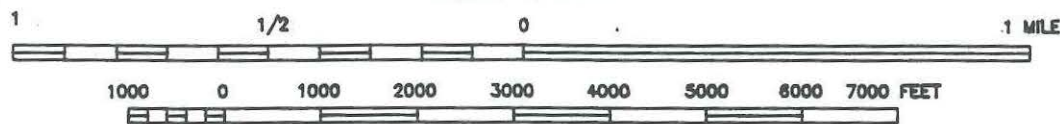
The facility contains 12 buildings with a floor space of about 400,000 square feet. Building 1 contains the maintenance and tool shops, offices, and the Sintered Alnico operation. Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7 contain the C-Core and Tape-Core operations. Building 5 contains the Samarium Cobalt and Cast Alnico operations. Building 6 formerly contained the Strontium-Ferrite operation and is now vacant. Building 9 was formerly an airplane hangar and is currently vacant. Buildings 11 and 14 contain the Permalloy Strip and rolling mill operations. Building 12 is used for raw material storage. Building 16, the Drum Storage Building (DSB) (SWMU 2), is used for hazardous waste storage.

The facility operates two wastewater treatment systems: the Wastewater Treatment System (WTS) (SWMU 4) and the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). SWMU 4 treats process wastewater and waste





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SCALE 1"=2,000'



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SOURCE: MODIFIED FROM USGS, GARDEN PRAIRIE, RILEY, MARENGO  
NORTH AND SOUTH QUADRANGLES; 1968, 1970, AND 1975

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FIGURE 1  
FACILITY LOCATION

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coolant. Effluent from SWMU 4 is transferred to SWMU 5, where it is cooled and clarified for further use in Arnold's operations. WTS sludge is removed from SWMU 4 and disposed off-site.

Raw materials are stored in aboveground tanks and in containers of various sizes throughout the facility. Building 12 is used solely for raw material storage. Some raw materials, including mineral oil, acetone, methanol, 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA), were formerly managed in underground storage tanks (UST).

The facility was originally constructed, owned, and operated by Allegheny Ludlum Steel. In 1981, the name of the facility was changed to Arnold Engineering Company. SPS Technologies, Inc., purchased the facility in 1987 and is the current owner and operator.

## **2.3 WASTE GENERATION AND MANAGEMENT**

This section discusses the wastes generated and managed at the buildings making up the Arnold facility. The facility generates, treats, and stores several hazardous and nonhazardous wastes. The facility determines whether a waste is hazardous or not using two methods: (1) laboratory analysis and (2) knowledge of the generation or treatment of the waste. PRC found no documentation indicating that EPA or IEPA has challenged the classification of waste streams at the facility. Current and former generation and management of both hazardous and nonhazardous wastes are detailed below by facility building, and Table 1 lists current and former waste generation processes by facility building. SWMUs and their current status are identified in Table 2. The locations of SWMUs in relation to the facility layout are shown in Figure 2. Wastes generated at the facility are summarized in Table 3. Waste generation rates, transporters, and final disposition are presented in Table 4.

### **2.3.1 Building 1**

Building 1 houses the maintenance and tool shops, offices, and Sintered Alnico magnet production. The maintenance and tool shops generate spent mineral spirits (D001) and spent TCE (F001) from parts cleaning and degreasing, respectively, and formerly generated spent TCA



**TABLE 1**  
**WASTE GENERATING PROCESSES BY BUILDING**

<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>PROCESSES</b>	
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Former</b>
Building 1	Sintered Alnico Process and Maintenance and Tool Shops	Unchanged
Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7	C-Core and Tape Core Processes <sup>a</sup>	Unchanged
Building 5	Samarium Cobalt and Cast Alnico Processes	Unchanged
Building 6	None	Strontium-Ferrite Process <sup>b</sup>
Building 9	None	Airplane Hangar
Buildings 11 and 14	Permalloy Strip Process and rolling mill operation	Unchanged
Building 12	Raw Material Storage	Unchanged
Building 16	Hazardous Waste Storage	Unchanged

**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup> C-Core and Tape Core production cease by April, 1993.

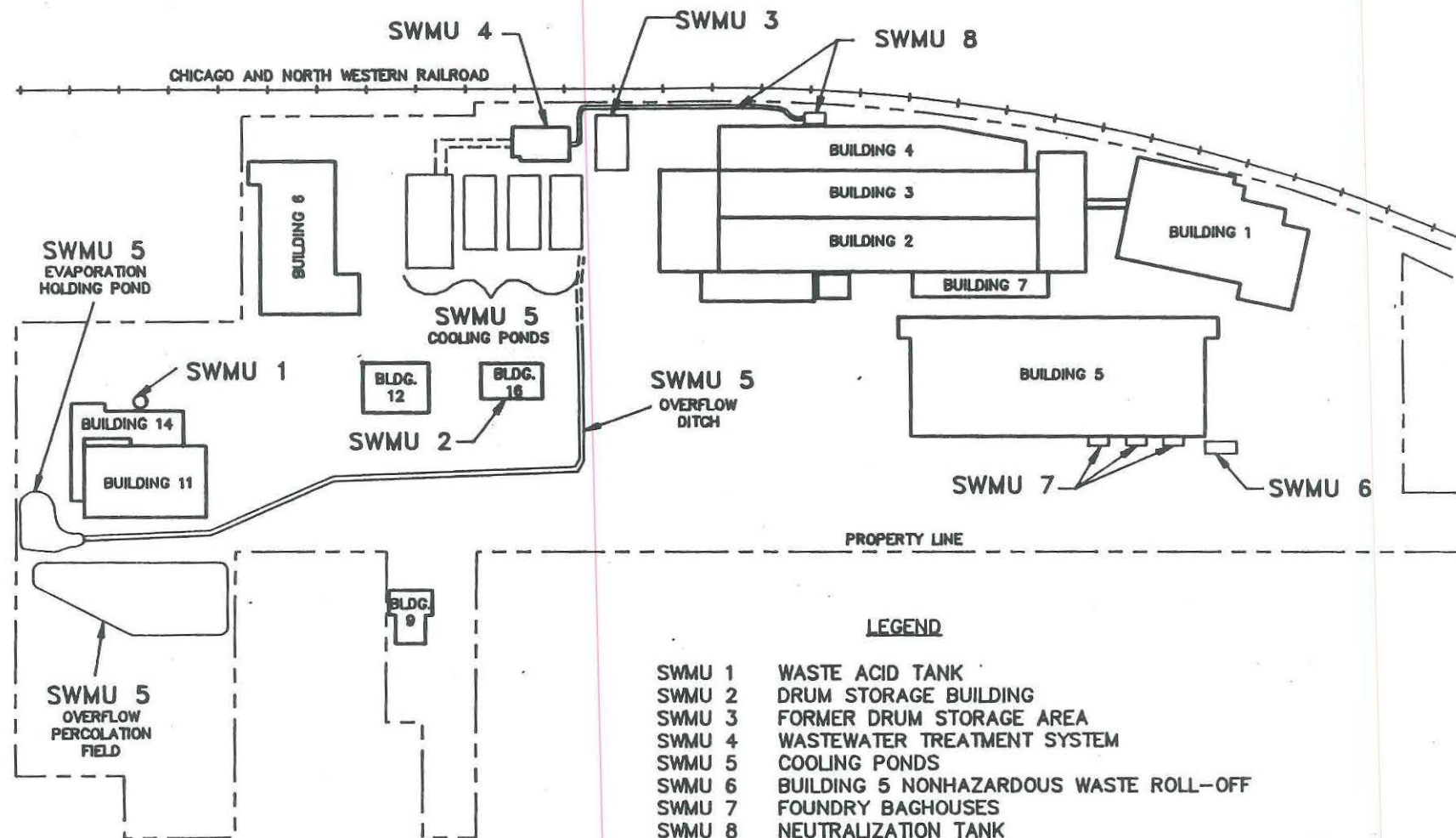
<sup>b</sup> The Strontium-Ferrite Process was discontinued in July, 1992.

**TABLE 2**  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS**

<u>SWMU Number</u>	<u>SWMU Name</u>	<u>RCRA Hazardous Waste Management Unit<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Status</u>
1	Waste Acid Tank	Yes	Inactive; IEPA-approved, RCRA-closed in 1987
2	Drum Storage Building	No	Active; less than 90-day storage of hazardous waste
3	Former Drum Storage Area	Yes	Inactive; IEPA-approved, RCRA-closed in 1987
4	Wastewater Treatment System	No	Active; treatment of nonhazardous waste
5	Cooling Ponds	No	Active; treatment of nonhazardous waste
6	Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off	No	Active; accumulation of nonhazardous waste
7	Foundry Baghouses	No	Active; accumulation of nonhazardous waste
8	Neutralization Tank	No	Active; treatment of hazardous waste
9	Chlorinated Solvent Satellite Accumulation Areas	No	Active; accumulation of hazardous waste
10	Nonchlorinated Solvent Satellite Accumulation Areas	No	Active; accumulation of hazardous waste
11	Used Oil Satellite Accumulation Areas	No	Active; accumulation of hazardous waste

Note:

<sup>a</sup> A RCRA hazardous waste management unit is one that currently requires or formerly required submittal of a RCRA Part A or Part B permit application.



### LEGEND

SWMU 1	WASTE ACID TANK
SWMU 2	DRUM STORAGE BUILDING
SWMU 3	FORMER DRUM STORAGE AREA
SWMU 4	WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM
SWMU 5	COOLING PONDS
SWMU 6	BUILDING 5 NONHAZARDOUS WASTE ROLL-OFF
SWMU 7	FOUNDRY BAGHOUSES
SWMU 8	NEUTRALIZATION TANK
SWMU 9	CHLORINATED SOLVENT SATELLITE ACCUMULATION AREAS
SWMU 10	NONCHLORINATED SOLVENT SATELLITE ACCUMULATION AREAS
SWMU 11	USED OIL SATELLITE ACCUMULATION AREAS

### NOTES:

SWMU 9 IS LOCATED THROUGHOUT BUILDINGS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, AND 14.

SWMU 10 IS LOCATED THROUGHOUT BUILDINGS 2, 3, 4, AND 7.

SWMU 11 IS LOCATED THROUGHOUT BUILDINGS 5, 11, AND 14.

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**FIGURE 2**  
**FACILITY LAYOUT**

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**TABLE 3**  
**SOLID WASTES**

<u>Waste/EPA Waste Code<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Solid Waste Management Unit<sup>b</sup></u>
Spent mineral spirits/D001	Building 1	None
Spent TCE/F001	Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, and 14	SWMUs 2 and 9
Spent TCA/F002 <sup>c</sup>	Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, and 14	SWMUs 2, 3, and 9
Spent corrosive/D002	Buildings 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, and 14	SWMUs 1 and 8
Spent nonchlorinated solvents/F003 and F005	Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7	SWMUs 2, 3, and 10
Paint sludge/NA	Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7	None
Waste coolant/NA	Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7	SWMU 4
Spent methylene chloride/F002 <sup>c</sup>	Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7	SWMUs 2, 3, and 9
Foundry sand/NA	Building 5	SWMU 6
Foundry dust/NA	Building 5	SWMUs 6 and 7
Waste ethylene glycol/NA	Building 5	SWMUs 2 and 3
Process wastewater/NA	Buildings 5, 6, 11, and 14	SWMUs 4 and 5
Used oil/NA	Buildings 5, 11, and 14	SWMUs 2, 3, and 11
WTS sludge/NA	WTS	None

**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup> Not applicable (NA) designates nonhazardous waste.

<sup>b</sup> "None" indicates that the waste stream is not managed on site.

<sup>c</sup> This waste is no longer managed on site.



**TABLE 4**  
**WASTE GENERATION RATES, TRANSPORTERS, AND FINAL DISPOSITION**

<u>Waste Stream/EPA Waste Code<sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Generation Rate</u>	<u>Transporter</u>	<u>Final Disposition</u>	<u>Location</u>
Spent mineral spirits/D001	20 gallons per month (gal/mo)	Safety-Kleen	Recycled	Dolton, IL
Spent TCE/F001	440 gal/mo	Safety-Kleen	Recycled	Dolton, IL
Spent corrosives/D002	-- <sup>b</sup>	Managed on site	Neutralized	On Site
Spent nonchlorinated solvents/F003 and F005	550 gal/mo	Safety-Kleen	Fuel blended	Dolton, IL
Paint sludge/NA	1,700 gal/mo	Chemical Waste Management (CWM)	Fixation by Dynacol and landfilled	Dolton, IL
Waste coolant/NA	1,700 gal/mo	Managed on site	Contained in Cooling Ponds	On Site
Foundry sand/NA	96 cubic yards per month	CWM	Landfilled	Cortland, IL
Foundry dust/NA	~ 800 dry gal/mo	CWM	Landfilled	Cortland, IL
Waste ethylene glycol/NA	5 gal/mo	Safety-Kleen	Fuel blended	Dolton, IL
Process wastewater /NA	Recycled at 1,000,000 gallons per day	Managed on site	Recycled	On Site
Used oil/NA	240 gal/mo	Rock Valley Oil	Recycled	Rockford, IL
WTS sludge/NA	850 tons/month	CWM	Landfilled at Parkview Landfill	Menomonee Falls, WI

**Notes:**

<sup>a</sup> Not applicable (NA) designates nonhazardous wastes.

<sup>b</sup> Facility was unable to provide this information.

(F002). The mineral spirits is contained in a parts cleaner and is continually used until Safety-Kleen Corporation (Safety-Kleen) removes it from the facility. Spent TCE is accumulated in one of two Chlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 9) in Building 1. This waste is eventually stored in the DSB (SWMU 2). Spent TCA was accumulated in a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (SWMU 9). This waste was eventually stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3). The facility discontinued the use of TCA in 1991.

Sintered Alnico is a powdered magnet production process. Powdered alloys of aluminum, nickel, and cobalt are blended, pressed, and heated in a sintering furnace. Dust collectors service this production area but the powder is reused in the process rather than sent off as a waste (see Photograph No. 1).

### **2.3.2 Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7**

Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7 house the C-Core and Tape Core magnet operations. These operations generate spent corrosive (D002), spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005), nonhazardous paint sludge, spent TCE (F001), and nonhazardous waste coolant. Spent methylene chloride (F002) and spent TCA (F002) was formerly generated in these buildings.

Spent corrosive (D002) is generated during etching and cleaning operations. This waste is piped to the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8), where it is neutralized and released to the WTS (SWMU 4). The spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005) include methyl ethyl ketone, methanol, acetone, and toluene generated during varnishing and painting operations; these solvents are combined into one waste stream and accumulated in one of three Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 10) in the buildings. After satellite accumulation, this waste is stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) and was formerly stored in the Former DSA (SWMU 3). Nonhazardous paint sludge is generated twice per year when the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8) is cleaned. This waste is removed from the tank and the facility; it is not managed on site. Spent TCE (F001) is generated during degreasing activities. This waste is accumulated in one of three Chlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 9) in the buildings. After satellite accumulation, this waste is stored in the DSB (SWMU 2). The nonhazardous waste coolant is a synthetic, water-based coolant and water mix generated during machining operations. The waste coolant is released directly to the WTS (SWMU 4). Spent methylene chloride (F002) was formerly generated in these buildings during cleaning operations. This waste was accumulated in a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (SWMU 9). After satellite accumulation, this waste was stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3). Spent



TCA (F002) was formerly generated in these buildings during degreasing activities. This waste was accumulated in a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (SWMU 9). After satellite accumulation, this waste was stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3).

According to facility representatives, the C-Core and Tape Core operations will be discontinued by April, 1993.

### **2.3.3 Building 5**

Building 5 houses the Samarium Cobalt and Cast Alnico processes. These operations consist of foundry die casting and related operations, including, shot blasting, shaking, grinding, core making, sand molding, and degreasing. These processes generate the following wastes: nonhazardous foundry sand, nonhazardous foundry dust, nonhazardous waste ethylene glycol, nonhazardous process wastewater, spent TCE (F001), and nonhazardous used oil. Spent TCA (F002) was formerly generated in this building.

Nonhazardous foundry sand is collected by shakers, shot blasters, or cyclones and deposited in the Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off (SWMU 6). Nonhazardous foundry dust is collected by several Foundry Baghouses (SWMU 7) around the building. This waste is accumulated in 10- or 55-gallon drums at the baghouses and is ultimately stored in the Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off (SWMU 6). Nonhazardous waste ethylene glycol is generated during the cleaning of a closed-loop cooling line used for the heat treating ovens. The line is cleaned about every 2 years. This waste is stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) and was formerly stored in the Former DSA (SWMU 3). Nonhazardous process wastewater is also generated during cooling operations. This waste is released directly to the WTS (SWMU 4) where it is treated then released to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). Spent TCE (F001) is accumulated in one of two Chlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 9) in the building. After satellite accumulation, this waste is stored in the DSB (SWMU 2). Maintenance activities in Building 5 generate nonhazardous used oil. This waste is accumulated in a Used Oil SAA (SWMU 11) and then stored in the DSB (SWMU 2). This waste was formerly stored in the Former DSA (SWMU 3). Spent TCA (F002) was formerly generated in Building 5. This waste was accumulated in a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (SWMU 9) and stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3).



#### **2.3.4 Building 6**

Building 6 formerly housed the Strontium-Ferrite magnet production operation which generated nonhazardous process wastewater. The process wastewater was cooling water from baking and grinding operations. This waste was released to the WTS (SWMU 4), where it was treated and released to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). Operations in this building were discontinued in July 1992.

#### **2.3.5 Building 9**

Building 9 was formerly an airplane hangar. The building is currently vacant and is not used. No waste generating processes ever were conducted in this building.

#### **2.3.6 Buildings 11 and 14**

Buildings 11 and 14 house the Permalloy Strip and rolling mill operations. These operations include magnet forming, cleaning, and annealing. These operations generate nonhazardous used oil, spent corrosive (D002), nonhazardous process wastewater, and spent TCE (F001). Spent TCA (F002) was formerly generated in these buildings.

Nonhazardous used oil is accumulated in the Used Oil SAA (SWMU 11). After satellite accumulation, this waste is stored in the DSB (SWMU 2); it was formerly stored in the Former DSA (SWMU 3). Spent corrosive (D002) is generated during acid and alkaline cleaning of magnet material. This waste is piped to the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8), where it is treated and then released to the WTS (SWMU 4). Spent corrosive (D002) was formerly stored in the Waste Acid Tank (SWMU 1); the facility closed this SWMU in 1987. Nonhazardous process wastewater is rinse water from acid and alkaline cleaning. This waste is released directly to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). Spent TCE (F001) is generated during degreasing activities. This waste is accumulated in one of three Chlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 9) in the buildings. After satellite accumulation, this waste is stored in the DSB (SWMU 2). Spent TCA (F002) was formerly generated in Buildings 11 and 14. This waste was accumulated in a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (SWMU 9); it was formerly stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3).

### **2.3.7 Building 12**

Building 12 is used for raw material storage. No waste generating processes have ever occurred in this building.

### **2.3.8 Building 16**

Building 16 is the DSB (SWMU 2). This building is used for storage of hazardous waste generated at the facility.

### **2.3.9 WTS**

The WTS (SWMU 4) treats process wastewater, waste coolant, surface water runoff and effluent from the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8). Effluent from this unit is discharged to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). Nonhazardous sludge is removed directly from SWMU 4 and the facility by a private contractor and is landfilled off site.

## **2.4 HISTORY OF DOCUMENTED RELEASES**

This section discusses the history of documented releases to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils at the facility.

The facility is required by its water pollution control permit (1991-EO-3485) for the WTS (SWMU 4) and Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5) to perform a monthly analysis of ground water. This requirement is in place because ground water beneath the facility has been found to be contaminated with trace amounts of TCA; however, the concentrations found are below the maximum concentration of 0.2 part per million (ppm) allowable for Class I potable resource ground water in Illinois (PRC, 1993a).

PRC observed no documents in the files reviewed that indicate the origin of the ground-water contamination. The contamination may have come from various facility operations. Arnold stored pure TCA in two 6,000-gallon USTs. According to facility representatives and a consultant's report, the tanks were removed or abandoned and were not leaking (Hunter Environmental Services, 1988). Waste TCA was collected in Chlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 9) and stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3). During closure of the Former



DSA (SWMU 3), TCA and acetone were detected in soil samples collected near the unit. However, concentrations were below IEPA action limits, and the closure was approved (IEPA, 1987). Facility representatives were unable to provide information on the management of spent solvents (TCA, MEK, acetone) prior to 1980.

IEPA officials are evaluating data from the facility's monthly ground-water monitoring report. At present, no actions are planned because concentrations of TCA in ground water are below allowable limits. IEPA is requiring monthly sampling until October 1, 1994, when it will review the data and take appropriate action (PRC, 1993b). Ground-water contamination is below the maximum limits, and IEPA does not currently consider this an immediate threat. However, since IEPA has not closed the issue and the source has not been identified, PRC considers the Ground-Water Contamination (AOC 1) an AOC.

## **2.5 REGULATORY HISTORY**

Arnold submitted a Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity form to EPA on August 14, 1980 (Arnold, 1980a). Arnold submitted a RCRA Part A permit application on November 14, 1980 (Arnold, 1980b). The Part A permit application listed container storage (S01) with a capacity of 15,000 gallons; tank storage (S02) with a capacity of 14,000,000 gallons; and a tank treatment (T01) with a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons per day. The following wastes and waste codes were listed on the Part A permit application: lead (D008); TCA (F001); acetone and methanol (F003); methyl ethyl ketone (F005); chromium (D007); spent pickle liquor (K062); phenol (U188); and corrosives (D002). IEPA granted the facility interim status as a treatment, storage or disposal (TSD) facility on an unknown date.

The interim license allowed the facility to treat 1,800 gallons per day in the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8); store 15,000 gallons of hazardous waste in the Former DSA (SWMU 3); and store 14,000 gallons of hazardous waste in the Waste Acid Tank (SWMU 1). The discrepancies between the volumes listed on the Part A permit application and the volumes allowed under interim status are due to Arnold's inclusion of the WTS (SWMU 4) and Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5) among the tank treatment (T01) and storage (S02) systems listed in the permit application. The WTS (SWMU 4) and Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5) were excluded from licensing as exempt treatment.



PRC observed no documents indicating that lead (D008), chromium (D007), or phenol (U188) wastes were generated or stored at the facility. Spent pickle liquor has been designated and treated as a D002 waste, not as a K062 waste as listed in the Part A permit application.

IEPA inspected the facility on four occasions between 1982 and 1991. RCRA inspections in 1982 and 1988 found Arnold to be in compliance. An inspection in 1991 revealed that the facility operating air emission sources without a permit. An inspection in 1987 revealed apparent violations concerning paperwork deficiencies (IEPA, 1982; 1987; 1988a; 1991a). All violations have since been resolved.

In November 1987, IEPA approved the closure of Arnold's Waste Acid Tank (SWMU 1) and Former DSA (SWMU 3) and withdrew the Part A permit. The treatment units listed in the Part A permit application (SWMUs 4, 5, and 8) were for wastewater treatment and elementary neutralization; therefore, they were not required to undergo RCRA closure. The facility is currently regulated as a large quantity generator of hazardous waste storing waste on site for less than 90 days.

Arnold is required to have a permit (1991-E0-3485) to operate the WTS (SWMU 4) and Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5), because the potential exists for the water to be released through evaporation and percolation (IEPA, 1991b). The application for renewal of this permit states that Arnold has prepared a storm water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit application (Arnold, 1991).

The facility is required to have IEPA operating air permits for the following processes: C-Core and Tape Core (permit numbers 73090127, 73090128, 73100163, 73110161); Permalloy Strip (permit number 73090130); Cast Alnico (permit number 740110046); Samarium Cobalt (permit number 86050072); and Sintered Alnico (permit number 78110021). Before July, 1992, the Strontium-Ferrite process also required a permit (permit number 73090129). The facility has violated its air permits. In May 1991, Arnold was found to be operating the heat cycling oven, the varnish drying oven, a baghouse, and storage tanks without operating air permits. Permits for these sources were subsequently obtained (IEPA, 1991c). The facility has no documented history of odor complaints from area residents.

In May 1986, Arnold informed the ISFM of 12 USTs at the facility. All the USTs stored raw materials. The capacity of USTs 1 through 6, 11, and 12 was 1,500 gallons; the capacity of

USTs 7 through 10 was 6,000 gallons. On August 6, 1990, the facility abandoned USTs 1 through 6, which contained mineral oil. On July 7, 1990, the facility abandoned UST 7 which formerly contained acetone. USTs 1 through 7 were filled with sand and abandoned in place. On July 4, 1990, the facility removed USTs 8 and 9, which formerly contained methanol and TCA, respectively. On July 28, 1990, the facility removed UST 10, which formerly contained TCA. USTs 11 and 12 have been used to store kerosene and gasoline, respectively. UST 11 is still in use. UST 12 is empty and was last used in March 1968. PRC observed no documentation that USTs 11 and 12 were leak tested or had any containment. None of the removed or abandoned USTs were leaking according to leak tests (ISFM, 1986 and 1990; Arnold, 1988 and 1989).

USTs 9 and 10 both stored TCA. Ground-Water Contamination (AOC 1) beneath the facility includes low levels of TCA. No soil sampling was documented in the files relating to the removal of UST 9. After UST 10 was removed, three soil samples were obtained from the area of tank 10 and analyzed for TCA. The results of the analysis were 0.02 ppm, 0.09 ppm, and 0.003 ppm (CBC, 1988; Howard Lee & Sons, 1990).

## **2.6 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**

This section describes the climate; flood plain and surface water; geology and soils; and ground water in the vicinity of the facility.

### **2.6.1 Climate**

The climate in McHenry County is continental. The average daily temperature is 48.6 degrees Fahrenheit (°F). The highest average daily temperature is 86.3 °F in July. The lowest average daily temperature is 15 °F in January (USDC, 1974).

The total annual precipitation for the county averages 35.62 inches (USDC, 1974). The mean annual lake evaporation for the area is about 30 inches (USDC, 1968). The 1-year, 24-hour maximum rainfall is about 2.5 inches (USDC, 1963).

The prevailing wind is from the west-northwest. Average wind speed is highest in April at 11.7 miles per hour (USDC, 1974).



### **2.6.2 Flood Plain and Surface Water**

The facility is not located in a 100-year flood plain or flood-prone area (FEMA, 1992). The nearest surface water body, the Kishwaukee River, is located about 0.9 mile north of the facility and is used for recreational, agricultural, and industrial purposes. The river flows west with a gradient of 5 feet per mile until it reaches the Rock River system 16 miles downstream. The Rock River flows southwest into the Mississippi River (Roux, 1990).

Surface and storm water runoff from facility ditches, parking lots, and building roofs drains to the WTS (SWMU 4) which discharges to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). The Cooling Ponds include: four recycle ponds; one evaporation holding pond; and an overflow percolation field. SWMU 5 has a total capacity of 8 million gallons and is permitted by IEPA (IEPA, 1991b).

### **2.6.3 Geology and Soils**

The topography of the area has been shaped primarily by glaciers that covered the region in the geologically recent Pleistocene Epoch (ISGS, 1959). Soils directly beneath the facility are of the Saybrook LaRose Series and are dark, well drained to poorly drained soils developed in 0 to 3 feet of loess on calcareous loam till (USDA, 1965).

The first 200 feet of material beneath the facility are glacial till and contain the most important aquifer (sand and gravel aquifer) in the region. Underlying this undifferentiated till are the following rock formations of Ordovician and Cambrian age (top to bottom): Galena dolomite, 170 feet thick; Platteville dolomites and shale, 160 feet thick; Glenwood-St. Peter sandstone, 150 feet thick; Shakopee limestone and dolomite, 120 feet thick; New Richmond dolomitic sandstone, 80 feet thick; Franconia sandstone, 120 feet thick; Ironton-Galesville sandstone, 100 to 300 feet thick; Eau Claire shale and dolomite, 200 to 450 feet thick; and Mt. Simon sandstone, 275 to 900 feet thick. Precambrian-age crystalline rocks underlie the sandstone (Roux, 1990; ISGS, 1959).

### **2.6.4 Ground Water**

The most important aquifer in the vicinity of the facility is the shallow sand and gravel aquifer that exists between 15 and 200 feet below ground surface (bgs) in the region. On-site monitoring wells indicate ground water at about 15 feet bgs flowing north-northwest. There are



several private residential wells downgradient and bordering the facility (Roux, 1990). Three municipal wells located about 1 mile east and upgradient of the facility serve the City of Marengo. The average depth of these wells is 80 feet; the wells draw water from the shallow sand and gravel aquifer. Arnold's private well draws water from about 846 feet bgs. The City of Marengo can utilize Arnold's well in the event of an emergency. The average daily production of the City's wells is 530,899 gallons (IEPA, 1988).

Other important, but not widely used aquifers in the region include the Glenwood-St. Peter sandstone and the Ironton-Galesville sandstone at about 600 and 1,100 feet bgs, respectively (ISGS, 1959).

## 2.7 RECEPTORS

The facility occupies 80 acres in a mixed-use area in Marengo, Illinois. Marengo has a population of about 4,500. The facility is bordered on the north by Chicago and North Western Railroad tracks and residential property; on the west by open farm fields and residences; on the south by U.S. Highway 20; and on the east by residential property. The nearest residential area is located about 100 yards north of the facility. The facility has controlled-entry gates and 24-hour guard surveillance.

The nearest surface water body, the Kishwaukee River, is located about 0.9 mile north of the facility and is used for recreational purposes. Other surface water bodies in the area include several small, unnamed, diked ponds 1 to 2 miles south and southwest of the facility. A small, intermittent tributary of the Kishwaukee River is located 0.5 mile northeast of the facility.

Ground water is used as an industrial, agricultural, municipal, and private water supply in the area. The nearest drinking water well is located 100 yards north and downgradient of the facility. PRC observed no documentation that this well has been sampled for volatile organic compounds. There are approximately seven domestic wells downgradient of and bordering the facility. The depths of these wells range from 45 to 218 bgs in the sand and gravel aquifer. The City of Marengo also draws water from the shallow sand and gravel aquifer. Arnold's ground-water monitoring wells indicate ground water at 15 to 20 feet bgs. Arnold's private well is 846 feet bgs. No other active industrial wells lie within a 3-mile radius of the facility (IEPA, 1988b; ISWS, 1993).

No sensitive environments are located on site. The nearest sensitive environment, the wetlands along the Kishwaukee River, is located less than 1 mile north of the facility. The wetland areas are made up mostly of seasonally flooded, palustrine, broad-leaved deciduous forest and semi-permanent open water areas (USFWS, 1977).

### 3.0 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNITS

This section describes the 11 SWMUs identified during the PA/VSI. The following information is presented for each SWMU: description of the unit, dates of operation, wastes managed, release controls, history of documented releases, and PRC's observations. Figure 2 shows the SWMU locations.

#### **SWMU 1**

#### **Waste Acid Tank**

##### **Unit Description:**

The Waste Acid Tank is outdoors along the northern wall of Building 14. The unit consists of an 8,000-gallon aboveground storage tank (AST) formerly used to store spent corrosive (D002) generated from metal pickling operations. The unit is constructed of rubber-lined steel. The area beneath this unit is diked concrete that is not drained.

##### **Date of Startup:**

The facility representative estimated that this unit began operation in the early 1970s.

##### **Date of Closure:**

The unit underwent IEPA-approved RCRA closure in 1987 and is currently inactive.

##### **Wastes Managed:**

This unit formerly managed spent corrosive (D002) generated from metal pickling operations. Waste from this unit was removed from the facility by a private contractor or neutralized in the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8).

##### **Release Controls:**

This unit is outdoors and consists of a closed, 8,000-gallon, rubber-lined, steel AST. The unit is currently inactive. The area beneath this unit is undrained, diked concrete with a containment capacity of 9,000 gallons.

##### **History of Documented Releases:**

No releases from this SWMU have been documented.



**Observations:** During the VSI, the unit was empty. PRC observed no evidence of release (see Photograph No. 16).

**SWMU 2                      Drum Storage Building (DSB)**

**Unit Description:** The DSB is in Building 16, which is about 200 feet south of the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). The unit consists of an 80- by 40-foot, aluminum building with a diked, sealed concrete floor. The diking is 12 inches high, and the floor drains to a 100-gallon sump.

**Date of Startup:** This unit began operation in 1989.

**Date of Closure:** This unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:** This unit manages spent TCE (F001), spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005), nonhazardous used oil, nonhazardous waste ethylene glycol, and unidentified waste awaiting laboratory analytical results. The unit formerly managed spent TCA (F002) and spent methylene chloride (F002). Wastes from this unit are ultimately removed from the facility by various contractors for recycling or fuel blending.

**Release Controls:** The unit is a closed, locked building. Wastes are kept in sealed containers. The floor in this unit is sealed, diked concrete that drains to a 100-gallon sump. There is a polypropylene liner beneath the concrete.

**History of Documented Releases:** No releases from this SWMU have been documented.

**Observations:** During the VSI, the unit contained an undetermined amount of spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005), used oil, and several containers of unidentified waste. The facility representative explained that the unidentified waste will be characterized and

disposed of based on the laboratory analysis. PRC observed no evidence of release (see Photographs No. 7 and 8).

### **SWMU 3**

#### **Former Drum Storage Area (DSA)**

##### **Unit Description:**

The Former DSA was outdoors along the northern edge of the facility between Building 4 and the WTS (SWMU 4). The unit consisted of a 22- by 40-foot gravel pad. The unit was used for storage of hazardous wastes in drums. The gravel was underlain by a clay layer that was sloped to the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8) discharge ditch.

##### **Date of Startup:**

The unit began operation in 1981.

##### **Date of Closure:**

This unit underwent IEPA-approved RCRA closure in 1987 and is currently inactive.

##### **Wastes Managed:**

The unit formerly managed spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005), spent TCA (F002), spent methylene chloride (F002), nonhazardous used oil, and nonhazardous waste ethylene glycol in 55-gallon drums. Wastes from this unit were ultimately removed from the facility and recycled or fuel blended by various contractors.

##### **Release Controls:**

This unit was an outdoor gravel pad over a clay layer. The clay layer was sloped so that runoff would enter the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8) discharge ditch which drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

##### **History of Documented Releases:**

Soil sampling and analysis during closure revealed TCA and acetone. However, the concentrations detected were below IEPA action limits, and the closure was approved.

**Observations:** The unit is no longer active and has been removed. PRC could not observe evidence of release from this unit due to the snow cover (see Photograph No. 12).

**SWMU 4                      Wastewater Treatment System (WTS)**

**Unit Description:** The WTS is in a shed along the northern boundary of the facility property. The unit consists of four settling tanks used to treat nonhazardous effluent from the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8); nonhazardous process wastewater from acid and alkaline cleaning operations; and general wastewater from nonproduction sources. The tanks are open-topped and made of concrete. Effluent from this unit is released to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5).

**Date of Startup:** This unit began operation in 1964.

**Date of Closure:** The unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:** The unit manages nonhazardous effluent from the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8), nonhazardous process wastewater from acid and alkaline cleaning operations, and general wastewater from nonproduction sources. Effluent from SWMU 4 is released to the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5). WTS sludge is not managed on site; it is removed directly from the unit and the facility about twice per year by a private contractor and landfilled.

**Release Controls:** The unit consists of in-ground, open-topped concrete tanks that are below a vented building that is subject to wind but not rain.

**History of Documented Releases:** No releases from this SWMU have been documented.

**Observations:** During the VSI, the unit was operating. PRC entered this unit and observed no evidence of release (see Photograph No. 10).



**SWMU 5****Cooling Ponds****Unit Description:**

This unit is outdoors. The unit consists of four ponds with 2, 3, 4, and 5 million-gallon capacities; an overflow ditch; an approximately 25,000-square-foot evaporation holding pond with an unknown capacity; and an approximately 360,000-square-foot overflow percolation field. The unit is used to treat process wastewater through cooling and settling of solids and to recirculate the wastewater back to the process. During an overflow event, excess water drains to the overflow ditch that flows about 0.4 mile to the open evaporation holding pond. An overflow from the evaporation holding pond would flow south to the open overflow percolation field. The unit circulates about 1.5 million gallons of process wastewater per day. The unit is permitted to operate and discharge to the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field by IEPA. The permit requires that monthly ground-water samples be analyzed and that the results be submitted to IEPA for review.

**Date of Startup:**

This unit began operation in 1965.

**Date of Closure:**

The unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:**

The unit manages nonhazardous process wastewater from Buildings 11 and 14, and effluent from the WTS (SWMU 4). Wastewater from this unit is ultimately reused at the facility. Overflow wastewater is subject to evaporation or percolation into the soil.

**Release Controls:**

The ponds are underlain by a polypropylene liner and layer of bentonite. The evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field have no release controls.

**History of  
Documented Releases:**

No releases from this SWMU have been documented, but the facility representative explained that the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field have been used.

**Observations:** During the VSI, the ponds were operating but the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field were not being used. The facility representative explained that the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field were used during overflow periods caused by heavy rains. PRC observed no evidence of release (see Photograph No. 9).

**SWMU 6**

**Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off**

**Unit Description:** The Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off is outdoors at the southeastern corner of Building 5. The unit consists of a steel, 12-cubic-yard roll-off used to accumulate foundry sand and foundry dust. The foundry sand is collected and deposited in this unit by shakers, shot blasters, and cyclones. The area beneath this unit is concrete.

**Date of Startup:** This unit began operation in the early 1980s.

**Date of Closure:** The unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:** The unit manages nonhazardous foundry sand and foundry dust. Waste from this unit is ultimately removed and landfilled by a private contractor.

**Release Controls:** The unit is outdoors and consists of an open-topped, plastic-lined steel rolloff. The concrete beneath this unit drains through storm drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**History of Documented Releases:** No releases from this unit have been documented.

**Observations:** During the VSI, the unit contained about 10 cubic yards of waste. PRC noted no evidence of release (see Photograph No. 3).

**SWMU 7****Foundry Baghouses****Unit Description:**

The Foundry Baghouses are outdoors along the southern wall of Building 5. The unit consists of baghouses that collect foundry dust and empty into 10- or 55-gallon drums. The baghouses are over concrete that drains through storm drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Date of Startup:**

The unit began operation in the mid-1970s.

**Date of Closure:**

The unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:**

The unit manages nonhazardous foundry dust. Waste from this unit is stored in the Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off (SWMU 6) and is ultimately removed from the facility by a private contractor.

**Release Controls:**

The unit is outdoors but consists of closed baghouses and sealed drums. The baghouses are over concrete that drains through storm drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**History of  
Documented Releases:**

No releases from this unit have been documented.

**Observations:**

During the VSI, the baghouses were not operating and did not contain waste. PRC noted no evidence of release (see Photograph No. 4).

**SWMU 8****Neutralization Tank****Unit Description:**

The Neutralization Tank is along the northern wall outside of Building 4. The unit is used to treat spent corrosive (D002) generated from paint stripping and cleaning by elementary neutralization and flocculation of solids. The unit consists of a 9,000-gallon, open-topped concrete tank that is enclosed in a shed,



and an unlined earthen discharge ditch that drains treated waste to the WTS (SWMU 4).

<b>Date of Startup:</b>	The unit began operation in the mid-1970s.
<b>Date of Closure:</b>	The unit is active.
<b>Wastes Managed:</b>	The unit treats spent corrosive (D002) by elementary neutralization and flocculation. Effluent from this unit drains to the WTS (SWMU 4) for further treatment. Nonhazardous paint sludge from SWMU 8 is removed directly from the tank twice per year by a private contractor and is landfilled off site.
<b>Release Controls:</b>	The tank is within an aluminum shed. The discharge ditch is an open-topped, unlined ditch that drains the tank. The ditch is about 100 yards long and drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).
<b>History of Documented Releases:</b>	No releases from this SWMU have been documented.
<b>Observations:</b>	During the VSI, blue staining and blue solid deposits were evident along the entire discharge ditch. The ditch was draining blue-tinted effluent to the WTS (SWMU 4). The blue color was due to paint solids (see Photographs No. 11 and 14). PRC noted no evidence of release from the concrete tank.

## **SWMU 9**

### **Chlorinated Solvent SAAs**

<b>Unit Description:</b>	The Chlorinated Solvent SAAs are located indoors throughout the facility. The SAAs contain 55-gallon drums used to accumulate chlorinated solvents generated during degreasing activities. The SAAs are located in Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, and 14. Floors in the facility buildings are made of concrete and drain through floor drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).
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**Date of Startup:** The unit began operation in 1980.

**Date of Closure:** The unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:** The unit manages spent TCE (F001). It formerly managed spent TCA (F002) and spent methylene chloride (F002). Chlorinated solvents are managed in 55-gallon, steel drums. When full, the drums are moved to the DSB (SWMU 2). The drums were formerly moved to the Former DSA (SWMU 3).

**Release Controls:** The SAAs are indoors and contain 55-gallon, steel drums. The drums are kept sealed. Floors in the facility buildings are made of concrete and drain through floor drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**History of Documented Releases:** No releases from this SWMU have been documented.

**Observations:** During the VSI, the SAAs contained an undetermined amount of waste. PRC observed no evidence of release (see Photographs No. 2 and 5).

#### **SWMU 10                      Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs**

**Unit Description:** The Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs are located primarily indoors throughout Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7; however, one SAA drum was outdoors during the VSI. The SAAs consist of 55-gallon, steel drums. Indoor floor drains and outdoor storm sewer drains at the facility discharge to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Date of Startup:** The unit began operation in 1980.

**Date of Closure:** The unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:** The SAAs manage spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005) in 55-gallon drums. When full, the drums are moved to the DSB

(SWMU 2). The drums were formerly moved to the Former DSA (SWMU 3).

**Release Controls:** The drums are kept sealed or covered. Floor drains in the buildings and outdoor storm sewer drains discharge to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**History of Documented Releases:** No releases from this unit have been documented.

**Observations:** During the VSI, the unit contained an undetermined amount of waste. A facility representative stated that the SAA drums are supposed to be kept indoors and that he did not know why one drum was outdoors. Staining was observed beneath the drum that was outdoors, but the staining was probably not due to this drum, as the SAA drums are usually kept indoors. Staining beneath other SAAs was also observed (see Photographs No. 13 and 15).

#### **SWMU 11                      Used Oil SAA**

**Unit Description:** The Used Oil SAAs are indoors in Buildings 5, 11, and 14. Used oils generated from maintenance activities in Building 5 and production activities in Buildings 11 and 14 are accumulated in these units. The units contain one 55-gallon steel drum each. The floor beneath the units is concrete and drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Date of Startup:** This unit began operation in about 1970.

**Date of Closure:** This unit is active.

**Wastes Managed:** This unit manages nonhazardous used oil in 55-gallon steel drums. When full, the drums are moved to the DSB (SWMU 2). The drums were formerly moved to the Former DSA (SWMU 3).



**Release Controls:**

These units are indoors and consist of 55-gallon steel drums that are kept sealed. The floor beneath the units is made of concrete and drains through floor drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**History of  
Documented Releases:**

No releases from this SWMU have been documented.

**Observations:**

During the VSI, the unit contained an undetermined amount of used oil. PRC noted no evidence of release (see Photograph No. 6).

#### **4.0 AREAS OF CONCERN**

PRC identified one AOCs during the PA/VSI. This AOC is discussed below; its location is shown in Figure 2.

##### **AOC 1**

##### **Ground-Water Contamination**

In 1989, IEPA renewed Arnold's WTS (SWMU 4) and Cooling Pond (SWMU 5) permit (1989-F0-3870) under the requirement that a ground water monitoring system be installed to monitor the impact of percolation on the quality of ground water underlying the site. The monitoring well locations were required to obtain ground water downgradient from the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field. In addition, wastewater samples were to be taken of the treated wastewater prior to discharge to each percolation site and analyzed for acetone, TCA, MEK, and total dissolved solids. Ground-water monitoring samples were to be analyzed for the same constituents (IEPA, 1989). In May 1990, Roux installed a monitoring well network and performed ground-water flow assessment at the facility (Roux, 1990). One upgradient monitoring well was installed to obtain representative ground-water quality near but not affected by the percolation areas. Two downgradient monitoring wells were installed to obtain representative samples of ground water in areas and depths most likely to be contaminated. Monitoring Well-1 (MW-1) serves as the upgradient well and MW-02 and MW-3 serve as downgradient wells. National Environmental Testing Inc. (NET) conducts monthly sampling and Arnold submits semi-annual reports of the ground-water monitoring to IEPA-Division of Water Pollution Control. In May 1990, NET reported less than 1 part per billion (ppb) acetone and MEK, and 26 ppb TCA in overflow wastewater in the evaporation holding pond of SWMU 5. Concentrations in wastewater at the overflow percolation field of SWMU 5 were less than 20 ppb acetone and MEK, and 35 ppb TCA. Ground-water samples collected in May 1992 revealed less than 5 ppb acetone, less than 1

ppb MEK, and 1.3 ppb TCA. To date, concentrations of these VOCs in ground water have remained below IEPA enforcement standards.

PRC was unable to determine the origin of contamination from file documents reviewed. The facility formerly used TCA as a degreaser in its operations. Pure TCA was stored in two 6,000-gallon USTs, Tanks 9 and 10. Waste TCA was collected in Chlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 9) and stored in the DSB (SWMU 2) or the Former DSA (SWMU 3). During the closure of the Former DSA (SWMU 3), TCA and acetone were detected in soil samples from the area underlying the unit; however, the concentrations were below IEPA action limits and the closure was approved. UST 10 was removed on July 28, 1988. Upon removal, soil samples were taken from the west end, center, and east end of the pit where UST 10 had been located. TCA concentrations in soil of 0.003 ppm, 0.09 ppm, and 0.02 ppm, respectively, were found (CBC, 1988). No soil sampling was documented in the files relating to the removal of UST 9. The facility currently uses acetone and MEK. Acetone was formerly managed in UST 7. The UST was abandoned in place and was not leaking. Both acetone and MEK are managed in Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 10) and the DSB (SWMU 2), and were formerly managed at the Former DSA (SWMU 3).

Facility representatives were unable to provide information on the management of spent solvents (TCA, MEK, acetone) prior to 1980. At present, the IEPA does not consider the contamination of ground water an immediate threat to the environment, as VOC concentrations are below IEPA enforcement standards for Class I potable ground water resources; however, the issue is not closed and IEPA will reevaluate the situation after compiling and analyzing data from the monthly sampling, which is scheduled to continue through October 1, 1994.



## 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The PA/VSI identified 11 SWMUs and one AOCs at the Arnold facility. Background information on the facility's location; operations; waste generating processes and waste management practices; history of documented releases; regulatory history; environmental setting; and receptors is presented in Section 2.0. SWMU- and AOC-specific information, such as the unit's description, dates of operation, wastes managed, release controls, history of documented releases, and observed condition, is presented in Sections 3.0 and 4.0. Following are PRC's conclusions and recommendations for each SWMU. Table 5, located at the end of this section, summarizes the SWMUs at the facility and the recommended further actions.

### SWMU 1 Waste Acid Tank

**Conclusions:** The past potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. This unit was formerly used to store spent corrosive (D002) generated from metal pickling operations. The tank is aboveground and is made of rubber-lined steel. The area beneath the tank is diked concrete with no drains. There is currently no potential for release from this unit. The unit underwent IEPA-approved RCRA closure in 1987 and is currently inactive.

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

### SWMU 2 Drum Storage Building (DSB)

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. This unit is an 80- by 40-foot building used to store various wastes until they are removed by contractors for recycling or fuel blending. The unit has a sealed concrete floor. A 12-inch, sealed, concrete dike surrounds the unit. The floor drains to a 100-gallon sump. A liner is located beneath the concrete floor and all wastes are stored in sealed containers.

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

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**SWMU 3****Former Drum Storage Area (DSA)****Conclusions:**

The past potential for a release from this unit was high. Soil samples obtained during closure activities revealed TCA and acetone in the gravel; however, the contaminants were detected at levels below IEPA action limits, and the closure was approved. The current potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. This unit, an outdoor 22- by 40-foot gravel pad, was formerly used to store spent nonchlorinated solvents (F003 and F005), spent TCA (F002), spent methylene chloride (F002), nonhazardous used oil, and nonhazardous waste ethylene glycol. The wastes were removed by various contractors and recycled or fuel blended. There is currently no potential for release from this unit. This unit underwent IEPA-approved RCRA closure in 1987 and is currently inactive.

**Recommendations:**

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

**SWMU 4****Wastewater Treatment System (WTS)****Conclusions:**

The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. The unit consists of four concrete open-topped tanks used to treat nonhazardous Neutralization Tank effluent, nonhazardous process wastewater, and general wastewater. Sludge generated by this unit is removed twice per year by a private contractor and landfilled. The unit lies below a vented building that is subject to wind but not rain. There has been no documented release from this unit.

**Recommendations:**

PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

**SWMU 5****Cooling Ponds****Conclusions:**

The overall potential for release to environmental media from this unit is high. The unit consists of four open ponds; an evaporation holding pond; and an overflow percolation field. The unit cools and settles solids out of

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process wastewater, which is reused. The potential for release to environmental media is summarized below.

**Ground Water and On-Site Soils:** The potential for release is high. The ponds are underlain by a liner and a bentonite seal; however, in the event of an overflow, waste can percolate into ground water and soils in the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field. Although no releases have been documented, the facility representative stated that overflow has occurred in the past.

**Surface Water:** The potential for release is low. The nearest surface water body, the Kishwaukee River, is located 1 mile north of the facility. Wastewater in SWMU 5 does not have an overland pathway to migrate off site. Storm sewers at the facility drain to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Air:** The potential for release is low to moderate. The ponds are open and subject to volatilization. Volatile organic compounds (VOC) have been detected in the wastewater at low concentrations.

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends that the facility continue monthly ground-water monitoring near the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field. If contamination is discovered, the facility should assess the potential for harm to human health and the environment and conduct appropriate remediation activities.

#### **SWMU 6**

#### **Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off**

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. The unit is a 12-cubic-yard, plastic-lined, steel rolloff used to store nonhazardous waste. The unit is subject to wind, but the area around this unit is concrete and drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

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**SWMU 7 Foundry Baghouses**

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils from this unit is low. The unit consists of baghouses used to accumulate nonhazardous foundry dust in sealed containers. The baghouses are over concrete that drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

**SWMU 8 Neutralization Tank**

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. The unit consists of a 9,000-gallon, concrete tank and a discharge ditch that drains to the WTS (SWMU 4). The unit is outdoors; however, the tank is enclosed in an aluminum shed. The tank treats spent corrosive (D002), but the waste is rendered nonhazardous before it is released to the discharge ditch. During the VSI, paint solids were observed in the ditch, but this waste has been analyzed and is nonhazardous.

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends that the facility line the discharge ditch.

**SWMU 9 Chlorinated Solvent SAAs**

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. The Chlorinated Solvent SAAs are located indoors and contain 55-gallon, sealed, steel drums used to accumulate chlorinated solvents. The drums rest on concrete floors that drain through floor drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

**SWMU 10 Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs**

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low to moderate. The SAAs are located indoors throughout the

facility; however, during the VSI, one SAA drum was found outdoors. Staining was observed beneath this drum. The SAAs contain 55-gallon, steel drums that are transferred to the DSB (SWMU 2) when full. The floors under these SAAs are made of concrete. The drums are kept sealed or covered.

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends the facility manage this waste indoors.

**SWMU 11                      Used Oil SAAs**

**Conclusions:** The potential for release to ground water, surface water, air, and on-site soils is low. The Used Oil SAAs are located indoors and contain 55-gallon, sealed, steel drums used to accumulate used oil. the drums rest on concrete floors that drain through floor drains to the WTS (SWMU 4).

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends no further action for this SWMU at this time.

**AOC 1                      Ground-Water Contamination**

**Conclusions:** Trace amounts of TCA have been found in ground-water. The origin of the contamination is unknown; however, it may have come from one of the areas outlined in Section 4.0. The facility is required to submit semi-annual ground-water monitoring reports to IEPA from monthly ground water samples. Concentrations of TCA in ground-water reported to date have been below IEPA enforcement standards, however, IEPA has not closed the issue and will reevaluate the situation after compiling and analyzing data from ground-water monitoring through October 1, 1994.

**Recommendations:** PRC recommends that the facility continue monthly ground-water monitoring to determine the nature and extent of the Ground-Water Contamination (AOC 1) and identify if releases are ongoing.

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TABLE 5  
SWMU AND AOC SUMMARY

<u>SWMU</u>	<u>Dates of Operation</u>	<u>Evidence of Release</u>	<u>Recommended Further Action</u>
1. Waste Acid Tank	Early 1970s to 1987	None	No further action
2. Drum Storage Building	1989 to present	None	No further action
3. Former DSA	1981 to 1987	Soil sampling and analysis during closure revealed TCA and acetone concentrations below IEPA action limits	No further action
4. WTS	1964 to present	None	No further action
5. Cooling Ponds	1965 to present	VOCs have been detected at low concentrations both in the wastewater and ground-water; although no releases have been documented, facility representatives stated that overflows have occurred	Continue monthly ground-water monitoring near the evaporation holding pond and overflow percolation field; If contamination is discovered, assess the potential for harm to human health and the environment and conduct appropriate remedial activities
6. Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off	Early 1980s to present	None	No further action
7. Foundry Baghouses	Mid-1970s to present	None	No further action
8. Neutralization Tank	Mid-1970s to present	During the VSI, blue staining and blue, solid deposits were evident along the entire ditch	Line the discharge ditch

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**TABLE 5 (continued)**  
**SWMU AND AOC SUMMARY**

<u>SWMU</u>	<u>Dates of Operation</u>	<u>Evidence of Release</u>	<u>Recommended Further Action</u>
9. Chlorinated Solvent SAAs	1980 to present	None	No further action
10. Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs	1980 to present	None	The drums should be kept indoors
11. Used Oil SAAs	About 1970 to present	None	No further action

<u>AOC</u>	<u>Dates of Operation</u>	<u>Evidence of Release</u>	<u>Recommended Further Action</u>
1. Ground-Water Contamination	1991 to present	July 1, 1991	Continue ground-water monitoring to determine the nature and extent of contamination and identify if releases are ongoing

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EPA PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT FORM 2070-12**



POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE  
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT  
PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

I. IDENTIFICATION

01 STATE  
IL

02 SITE NUMBER  
ILD 005 163 803

II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION

01 SITE NAME (Legal, common, or descriptive name of site)  
Arnold Engineering Company

02 STREET, ROUTE NO. OR SPECIFIC LOCATION IDENTIFIER  
300 West Street

03 CITY  
Marengo

04 STATE  
IL

05 ZIP CODE  
60152

06 COUNTY  
McHenry

07 COUNTY  
CODE  
111

08 CONG  
DIST

09 COORDINATES: LATITUDE  
42°15'14" N LONGITUDE  
88°37'14" W

10 DIRECTIONS TO SITE (Starting from nearest public road)  
U.S. Highway 20 west from Marengo, right on West Street to Arnold Engineering Company entrance.

III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

01 OWNER (if known)  
SPS Technologies, Inc.

02 STREET (Business, mailing residential)  
P.O. Box 1000

03 CITY  
Newtown

04 STATE  
PA

05 ZIP CODE  
18940

06 TELEPHONE NUMBER  
(215) 721-1771

07 OPERATOR (if known and different from owner)

08 STREET (Business, mailing, residential)

09 CITY

10 STATE

11 ZIP CODE

12 TELEPHONE NUMBER

13 TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (Check one)

☒ A. PRIVATE

☐ B. FEDERAL:

(Agency Name)

☐ C. STATE

☐ D. COUNTY

☐ E. MUNICIPAL

☐ F. OTHER

(Specify)

☐ G. UNKNOWN

14. OWNER/OPERATOR NOTIFICATION ON FILE (Check all that apply)

☒ A. RCRA 3010 DATE RECEIVED: 08 / 18 / 80  
MONTH DAY YEAR

☐ B. UNCONTROLLED WASTE SITE (CERCLA 103 c) DATE RECEIVED: / /  
MONTH DAY YEAR

☐ C. NONE

IV. CHARACTERIZATION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD

01 ON SITE INSPECTION

BY (Check all that apply)

☐ A. EPA

☒ B. EPA CONTRACTOR

☐ C. STATE

☐ D. OTHER CONTRACTOR

☒ YES

DATE 12/10/92

☐ E. LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL

☐ F. OTHER:

(Specify)

☐ NO

CONTRACTOR NAME(S): PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC)

02 SITE STATUS (Check one)

☒ A. ACTIVE

☐ B. INACTIVE

☐ C. UNKNOWN

03 YEARS OF OPERATION

1958 / Present  
BEGINNING YEAR ENDING YEAR

☐ UNKNOWN

04 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSTANCES POSSIBLY PRESENT, KNOWN, OR ALLEGED

Spent corrosive (D002), spent trichloroethylene (TCE) (F001), spent nonchlorinated solvent (F003 and F005), and several nonhazardous wastes including process wastewater, foundry dust, foundry sand, waste coolant, used oil, paint sludge, and waste ethylene glycol. The facility formerly generated spent 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA) (F002) and spent methylene chloride (F002).

05 DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD TO ENVIRONMENT AND/OR POPULATION

Marengo has a population of about 4,500. The nearest residential areas are located adjacent to the facility to the north and east. Ground water flows north toward residential wells. Volatile organic compounds (VOC) have been detected beneath the facility at concentrations below IEPA action limits.

V. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT

01 PRIORITY FOR INSPECTION (Check one. If high or medium is checked, complete Part 2 - Waste Information and Part 3 - Description of Hazardous Conditions and Incidents.)

☐ A. HIGH

(Inspection required promptly)

☒ B. MEDIUM

(Inspection required)

☐ C. LOW

(Inspect on time-available basis)

☐ D. NONE

(No further action needed; complete current disposition form)

VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM

01 CONTACT

Kevin Pierard

02 OF (Agency/Organization)

U.S. EPA

03 TELEPHONE NUMBER

(312) 886-4448

04 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENT

Scott A. Storlid

05 AGENCY

06 ORGANIZATION  
PRC

07 TELEPHONE NUMBER  
(414) 821-5894

08 DATE

02 / 16 / 93  
MONTH DAY YEAR



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PART 2 - WASTE INFORMATION

I. IDENTIFICATION

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II. WASTE STATES, QUANTITIES, AND CHARACTERISTICS

01 PHYSICAL STATES (Check all that apply)

- ☐ A. SOLID ☐ E. SLURRY  
☐ B. POWDER, FINES ☐ F. LIQUID  
☐ C. SLUDGE ☐ G. GAS

☐ D. OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify)

02 WASTE QUANTITY AT SITE  
(Measures of waste quantities  
must be independent)

TON Unknown

CUBIC YARDS Unknown

NO. OF DRUMS Unknown

03 WASTE CHARACTERISTICS (Check all that apply)

- ☐ A. TOXIC ☐ H. IGNITABLE  
☐ B. CORROSIVE ☐ I. HIGHLY VOLATILE  
☐ C. RADIOACTIVE ☐ J. EXPLOSIVE  
☐ D. PERSISTENT ☐ K. REACTIVE  
☐ E. SOLUBLE ☐ L. INCOMPATIBLE  
☐ F. INFECTIOUS ☐ M. NOT APPLICABLE  
☐ G. INFLAMMABLE

III. WASTE TYPE

CATEGORY	SUBSTANCE NAME	01 GROSS AMOUNT	02 UNIT OF MEASURE	03 COMMENTS
SLU	SLUDGE	20,000	gallons per year (gal./yr.)	Wastewater Treatment System sludge, paint sludge
OLW	OILY WASTE	4,000	gal./yr.	
SOL	SOLVENTS	14,600	gal./yr.	F001, F002, F003, F005, and D001
PSD	PESTICIDES			
OCC	OTHER ORGANIC CHEMICALS			
IOC	INORGANIC CHEMICALS			
ACD	ACIDS	Unknown	Unknown	Neutralized on site
BAS	BASES	Unknown	Unknown	Neutralized on site
MES	HEAVY METALS			

IV. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (See Appendix for most frequently cited CAS Numbers)

CATEGORY	02 SUBSTANCE NAME	03 CAS NUMBER	04 STORAGE/DISPOSAL METHOD	05 CONCENTRATION	06 MEASURE OF CONCENTRATION
BAS	Spent caustic	-	Neutralization on site		
ACD	Phosphoric acid	7664-38-2	Neutralization on site		
ACD	Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	Neutralization on site		
SOL	Acetone	0067-64-1	Recycled off site		
SOL	Trichloroethylene	0079-01-6	Recycled off site		
SOL	Toluene	0108-88-8	Recycled off site		
SOL	Methylene Chloride	0075-09-2	Recycled off site		
SOL	Methyl ethyl ketone	0078-93-3	Recycled off site		
SOL	Methanol	0067-56-1	Recycled off site		
OCC	Ethylene glycol	0107-21-1	Fuel blended off site		

V. FEEDSTOCKS (See Appendix for CAS Numbers)

CATEGORY	01 FEEDSTOCK NAME	02 CAS NUMBER	CATEGORY	01 FEEDSTOCK NAME	02 CAS NUMBER
FDS	Phosphoric Acid	7664-38-2	FDS	Methyl ethyl ketone	0078-93-3
FDS	Caustic	-	FDS	Methanol	0067-56-1
FDS	Trichloroethylene	0079-01-6	FDS	Ethylene glycol	0107-21-1
FDS	Toluene	0108-88-3	FDS		

VI. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Cite specific references; e.g., state files, sample analysis, reports)

EPA Region 5 Files  
IEPA Files  
Bob Lippe, Facility Representative





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PART 3 - DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS

I. IDENTIFICATION

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II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS

01 ☒ A. GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 21

02 ☒ OBSERVED (DATE: 1987 )

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

TCA and acetone have been detected in ground water beneath the facility at concentrations beneath IEPA action limits; however, at least seven residences are adjacent to and downgradient of the facility.

01 ☐ B. SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: \_\_\_\_\_

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None

01 ☒ C. CONTAMINATION OF AIR

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 4,500

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☒ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

The facility manages several volatile wastes.

01 ☒ D. FIRE/EXPLOSIVE CONDITIONS

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 4,500

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☒ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

The facility manages several volatile and ignitable wastes.

01 ☒ E. DIRECT CONTACT

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 500

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☒ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

Employees may potentially be at risk; however, the facility is secured to prevent the public from being at risk.

01 ☒ F. CONTAMINATION OF SOIL

03 AREA POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 21  
(Acres)

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: 1987 )

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

TCA and acetone were discovered in soils near the Former Drum Storage Area at concentrations below IEPA action levels.

01 ☒ G. DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 21

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: 1987 )

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

See A above.

01 ☒ H. WORKER EXPOSURE/INJURY

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 500

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☒ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

See E above

01 ☐ I. POPULATION EXPOSURE/INJURY

03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: \_\_\_\_\_

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None



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PART 3 - DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS

I. IDENTIFICATION

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II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS (Continued)

01 ☐ J. DAMAGE TO FLORA  
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None

01 ☐ K. DAMAGE TO FAUNA  
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None

01 ☐ L. CONTAMINATION OF FOOD CHAIN  
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None

01 ☐ M. UNSTABLE CONTAINMENT OF WASTES  
03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: \_\_\_\_\_

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None

01 ☐ N. DAMAGE TO OFF-SITE PROPERTY  
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

The facility's buildings and outdoor areas drain to the Wastewater Treatment System.

01 ☐ O. CONTAMINATION OF SEWERS, DRAINS, WWTPS  
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

Sewers drain to the on-site Wastewater Treatment System.

01 ☐ P. ILLEGAL/UNAUTHORIZED DUMPING  
04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

02 ☐ OBSERVED (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ POTENTIAL

☐ ALLEGED

None

05 DESCRIPTION OF ANY OTHER KNOWN, POTENTIAL, OR ALLEGED HAZARDS

None

III. TOTAL POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: 4,500

IV. COMMENTS

V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Cite specific references; e.g., state files, sample analysis, reports)

EPA Region 5 Files

IEPA Files

Bob Lippe, Facility Representative

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**VISUAL SITE INSPECTION SUMMARY AND PHOTOGRAPHS**



## **VISUAL SITE INSPECTION SUMMARY**

**Arnold Engineering Company  
300 West Street**

**Marengo, Illinois 60152**

**ILD 005 163 803**

**Date:** December 10, 1992

**Primary Facility Representative:** Robert Lippe, Supervisor of Analytical Services, Arnold Engineering Company (Arnold)

**Representative Telephone No.:** 815-568-2000

**Inspection Team:** Trent Schade, PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC)  
Scott Storlid, PRC

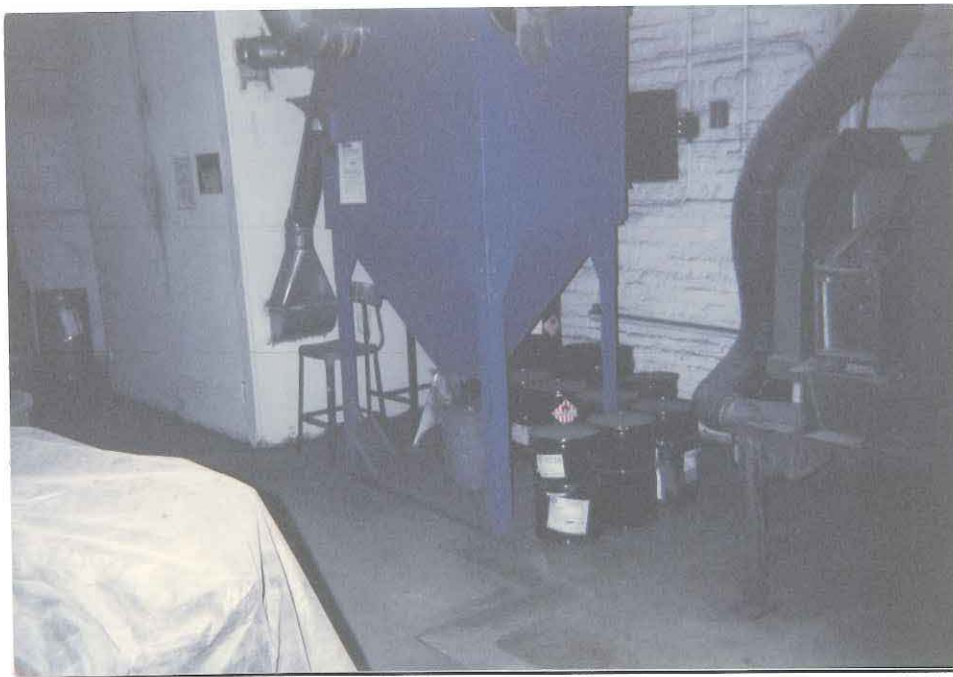
**Photographer:** Scott Storlid, PRC

**Weather Conditions:** Overcast, wind from the west at 10 to 15 miles per hour, 30 °F

**Summary of Activities:** The visual site inspection (VSI) began at 9:00 a.m. with an introductory meeting. The inspection team explained the purpose of the VSI and the agenda for the visit. The facility representative then discussed the facility's past and current operations, solid wastes generated, and release history. The facility representatives provided the inspection team with copies of requested documents.

The VSI tour began at 1:10 p.m. The inspection team began in Building 1, where the team viewed Chlorinated Solvent Satellite Accumulation Areas (SAA) (SWMU 9). The tour then moved to Building 5, where the Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-Off (SWMU 6), Foundry Baghouses (SWMU 7), Chlorinated Solvent SAA (SWMU 9), and Used Oil SAA (SWMU 11) were viewed. The tour then moved to the Drum Storage Building (DSB) (SWMU 2). The team proceeded to view the Cooling Ponds (SWMU 5), Wastewater Treatment System (WTS) (SWMU 4) and the Former DSA (SWMU 3). The inspection team then moved to Buildings 2, 3, 4, and 7, where the Nonchlorinated Solvent SAAs (SWMU 10) and the Neutralization Tank (SWMU 8) were viewed. The tour then proceeded to Buildings 11 and 14 where, the Waste Acid Tank (SWMU 1) was viewed.

The tour concluded at 2:57 p.m., after which the inspection team held an exit meeting with the facility representative. The VSI was completed and the inspection team left the facility at 3:05 p.m.



**Photograph No. 1**

**Orientation:** Northeast

**Description:** This photograph shows the powder collector in the Sintered Alnico process area. The powder collector is not a SWMU because the powder is captured for reuse.

**Location:** Building 5

**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 2**

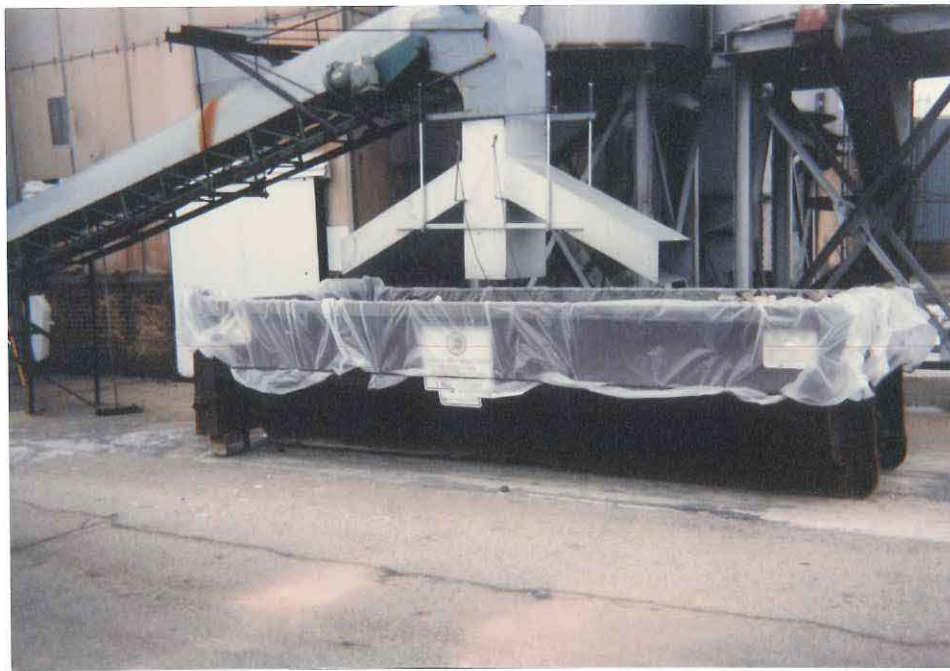
**Orientation:** North

**Description:** This photograph shows a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (black drum on the right), two drums of virgin oils (on the left), and two empty buckets.

**Location:** SWMU 9

**Date:** December 10, 1992





**Photograph No. 3**

**Orientation:** North

**Description:** This photograph shows the Building 5 Nonhazardous Waste Roll-off.

**Location:** SWMU 6

**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 4**

**Orientation:** Northwest

**Description:** This photograph shows a Foundry Baghouse.

**Location:** SWMU 7

**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 5**

**Orientation:** South

**Description:** This photograph shows a Chlorinated Solvent SAA (black drum).

**Location:** SWMU 9

**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 6**

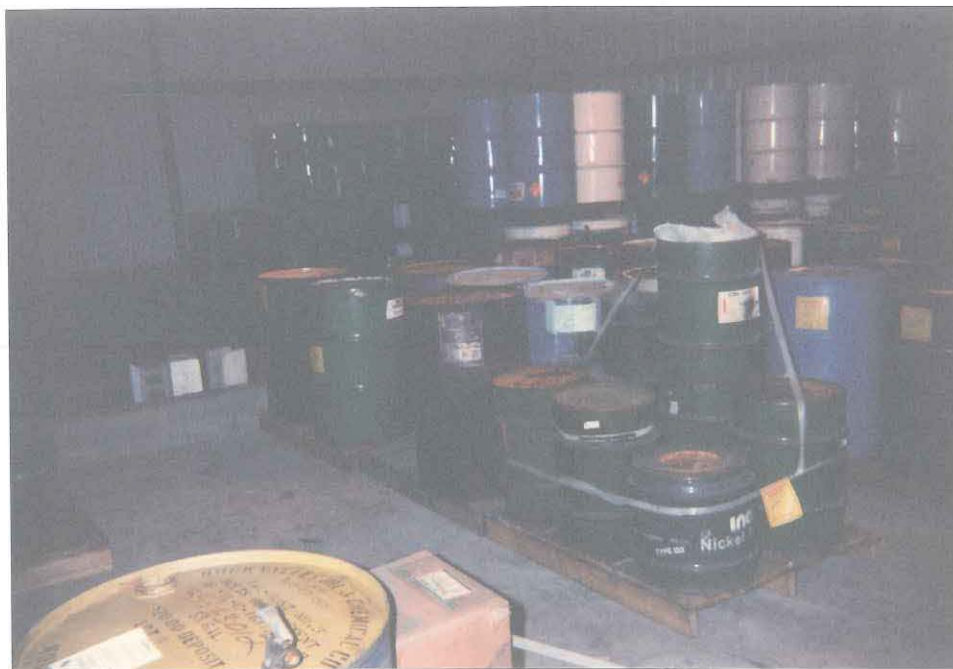
**Orientation:** South

**Description:** This photograph shows a Used Oil SAA.

**Location:** SWMU 11

**Date:** December 10, 1992





Photograph No. 7

Orientation: South

Description: This photograph shows drums of waste being stored in the Drum Storage Building. Note the 12-inch, concrete dike in the back of the photograph.

Location: SWMU 2

Date: December 10, 1992



Photograph No. 8

Orientation: South

Description: This photograph shows the loading dock for the Drum Storage Building.

Location: SWMU 2

Date: December 10, 1992





**Photograph No. 9**  
**Orientation:** West  
**Description:** This photograph shows the Cooling Ponds.

**Location:** SWMU 5  
**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 10**  
**Orientation:** Northwest  
**Description:** This photograph shows the WTS.

**Location:** SWMU 4  
**Date:** December 10, 1992



Photograph No. 11

Location: SWMU 8

Orientation: North

Date: December 10, 1992

Description: This photograph shows the discharge ditch (part of the Neutralization Tank) that drains to the WTS.



Photograph No. 12

Location: SWMU 3

Orientation: Northeast

Date: December 10, 1992

Description: This photograph shows the location of the Former DSA, which underwent RCRA closure in 1987.





**Photograph No. 13**

**Orientation:** East

**Description:** This photograph shows a Nonchlorinated Solvent SAA. Note the staining and pitting of the concrete around the unit.

**Location:** SWMU 10

**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 14**

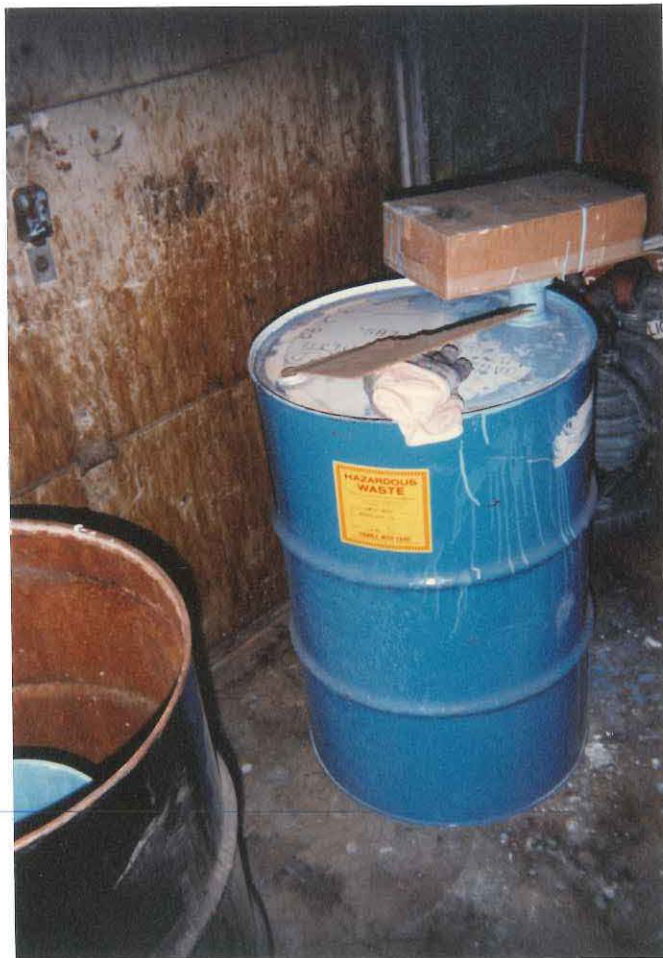
**Orientation:** South

**Description:** This is a photograph of the Neutralization Tank.

**Location:** SWMU 8

**Date:** December 10, 1992





**Photograph No. 15**

**Orientation:** North

**Description:** This is a photograph of a Nonchlorinated Solvent SAA. Note the staining on the concrete floor in the area.

**Location:** SWMU 10

**Date:** December 10, 1992



**Photograph No. 16**

**Orientation:** Southwest

**Description:** This photograph shows the Waste Acid Tank (on left), which underwent RCRA closure in 1987.

**Location:** SWMU 1

**Date:** December 10, 1992

**ATTACHMENT C**  
**VISUAL SITE INSPECTION FIELD NOTES**



PA/VT ③

ARNOLD Engineering

12/9/92

Weather: Overcast, No wind,

T ~ 25°F.

Moreno, IL

WT - ILD

9:05 Began Meeting w/ Bob Lipp

Facility Assembler

Magnetic Components

Building 5:

Poor Alignment

Simarion Cobalt Machine

Building 1:

Form small Parts Sintered

Alnico

Tot Steel

④

Total Maintenance Shop

Top floor - Offices

Buildings 2, 3, 4 & 7:

C-core core for

transformers

(should be closed

by end of March)

Tape-core

N: end tape panel

into toroids

(should be closed

by end of March)

Moly - Permalloy

Involves painting

Building 6 has been closed

since July

Tot Steel

Buildings 11 & 14

Rolling Mill

Material is rolled down

to various gages

Sold internally &

externally

Building 12 storage for

non-haz, Packaging

Materials, etc. No processes.

Water Tower: ~100,000 gpd

WTP: ~1 mgd

cascade system under

Building 5:

Raw Material: A1 6-8

NI 12-15

Co - 24-40

Re -

— Hot Slake - Ch -

Other metals including:

Binding Material

Waxes: Foundry Sand: Roll-off

Box on west end

Chem-waste of Elgin

taken to Aekalib, Co.

in Carlsbad.

2-12 yd<sup>3</sup> roll-offs/pk.

TCLP & PACT

have been performed.

Foundry Dust Collecting

2-areas: 1- Bag houses

2- Smoke art

collection

Scrubber

Hot Slake

(1)

Bag houses are  
emptied ~ once/month.

Dust Collectors emptied weekly  
about 1 yd<sup>3</sup> is generated

Rough Grind granites  
synthetic-water-based coolant, closed  
system, solids build-up  
after 1 1/2 yrs.

Liquid goes to WTP  
solids sent to Ohio  
to be melted to remove  
previous rebarbs

Vapor Decreases -  
!!! - Trichloroethane  
certain parts need to be cleaned  
with solvents.

Fast Shop

(12)

degreaser. Any  
waste generated  
is sent to Safety -  
Keen, All manifested  
with other !!! - shipments.  
Distillation of Fuel Blending.

Armstrong (or Pure Earth Dept.)  
Samarium Cobalt -

Powder is Pyrophoric.  
Kept under inert gas.  
Hexane. No waste  
generated. Just added.

Ethylene Glycol, closed  
system; only waste  
generated then sent to  
recycled.

Fast Shop



(14)

Ethylene Glycol  
sent to S-K.

Building 1

S-K - parts washers  
w/ mineral spirits  
formerly used 111-Trichlor.

Machine Shop.

Coolants. Some 111 used  
Moved to other 111 account  
~ 1 drum / 90 days

Sintered Alnico

Buy powdered alloy blends.  
mixed sintered in Powder  
Press Parts out.

Run through sintered  
furnace.

Test Schedule

(15)

2 Shot Blasts

Dust collectors

For Powered

1,1,1 - Barrel

~ 1.5 barrel / 90 days

Upshoring of Building 1  
is off-res.

Building 2, 3, 4 & 7

Cut - Core area.

Tube is wound into

the C-core form

MFK is generated at

sent to S-K.

C-core cut w/ Water-sol

etched w/ Phosphoric Acid

Test Schedule

Any unreacted acid  
goes to neutralization  
tank. Fringe water  
goes to tanks.

Burn-off oven painted  
to cook-off

Annealing oven. Heated  
to 1400 - 1500° F.  
in environment of  $H_2$

### Type-Core

Used Methanol, 20 to 30  
days / 20 days. Manifested  
1, 1, 1 used for degreasing

in this area.

After cores coated to weight  
encased in Nylon or Alk

core.

Not Shaded

②  
Nylon cores sealed  
with Phenol Methanol

Permalloy Manufacturing.  
Cast in Building 5

Sent to Allegheny  
Incl. Steel.

Get Back Frags.

Purified & sized

Dust Collected.

Coated in "Cement"

Mixers, Sodium Sulfide,

M.K. of Magnesium,

Pored form Torids

Somed in Presses.

Annealed.

Painted. Liquid Paint

Constr. stripper remove

Paint from Belt.

Not Shaded

Neutralized in  
 " Tank. Sent  
 to CID. Now  
 Goes to Chem Waste  
 in Milwaukee,  
 Near D. Trex of  
 Chicago who send  
 to Dynacal for Fumby  
 & Disposal.  
 Waste Paint sent  
 to Petro-chem  
 9,000-gal capacity  
 2 - 5,000 gallon  
 Tankers 2x/yr.  
 ~ 20,000 gallons  
 Paint wastes  
 Paint comes from Building 10  
 Toluene is used in  
 Paint lines to flush  
 Hot Steam

(19)  
 Process and charge  
 to Powdered Paint.  
 Toluene goes into  
 Suel. blending.  
 ~ 1 drum/yr.  
 Building 10 is used  
 for Raw Product  
 Flammable storage.  
 Methyl & Acetone tanks  
 West of Building 10.  
 Building 6 - closed.  
 Cleaned out.  
 Cal sinner. Rencord  
 Water Based coolant  
 tank for cooling  
 Hot Steam



Facility operations  
have been moved to  
Tennessee.  
Pressing Operations

Building 11 & 14:

~~Rolling~~ Rolling Mill  
2 alone Good tubes  
For Rolling Mill oil.  
295°F. Sharp point  
New Hoppers.  
Rock Valley oil in  
Rockford, IL recycles  
the oil.

74-Boneks

Roller Product Good thing  
overs. 1,1,1 need Cor  
decreasing. 3 or 4 drums graded  
per month, 4 or 5 / graded

Not Shale

OSTS

(21)

12 total  
All line been closed  
None were work  
Solvents  
Rolling Mill oils  
Vegetable Oil  
Fuel Oil  
10,000 gallon Garbage  
Acetone  
1,1,1-tubs  
Fiber Abandoned or  
Removed.

Building 11 & 14 (cont):

Alka like cleaning  
goes to WTP.  
Cooking line Phosphor  
coating.

Not Shale

greenish phosphory  
acid. Goes to neutraliza  
tank.

Property is on ~ 100 acres  
~ 500 employees  
Facility was built as  
Ranch house for old  
PR.

Wholly owned by In 1958, Allegheny Ludlum Steel  
Subsidiary In 1981, Allegheny Corp.  
In 1987 to Present,  
SPS Tech. Inc.  
PO Box 1000  
New Town, Penn.,  
18940

Facility has Industrial  
Well on fly, well is  
~ 850'  
Test Sludge —

North of San. City  
Residences might  
be on private

Property is on ~ 100 acres  
~ 500 employees  
Facility was built as  
Ranch house for old  
PR.

3 Monitoring Wells are located  
at  
G.W. Slows N-NW  
NET Midwest Supplies  
Monthly, Reported  
Semi-annually.

Completely Sealed.  
Guarded

10:55 Privately Reported and  
Volunteers Kites visible  
for us to look at.  
We decided to look at  
the Site

Test Sludge —

12 U.S. (Hazardous) 2 Ost Non-hazardous

No Material Location Capacity Filled or  
Remained?

1 Rolling mill 11/14 1,500 gill Filled

2  
3  
4  
5  
6

7 11/1 11 6,000 Remained

8 Methanol N of 4 6,000 Remained

9 11/1 11 " " " " " " " "

10 Acetone " 6,000 Filled

11 Kerosene N of 5 1,500 Remained

12 Gasoline 10,000 Remained

Now has

13 Vegetable oil

14 Fuel Oil

Test Shale

11/1



WWTB Sewage Treatment Plant  
from Sanitary  
Alkaline Rise  
to Ponds

Every thing else goes  
to Ponds,

Overflow Areas South  
or Rte 20.

NPDES storm water

Permit applied for  
Ponds cool & settle

water. Chlorinate &

add sewage treatment

materials to soften water

remove salts.

~~Not Sub~~

Facility Square Patches  
we are purp provided  
Facility 13

We discussed with facility  
the WWTB procedures.

11:30 Before Breathing for lunch  
discussed what we would do.

after lunch & Tour.

W. 11 Meet @ 12:30

Brief mty & Tour.

12:25 Returned from lunch.

During lunch Scott & I discussed

SWMLs we asked facility 13

about 8,000-gallon Acid Tank

this tank is in active.

~~Not Sub~~

(28)

Before Begging Town  
we discussed the facility  
operation & dates the  
various processes began  
closed etc.

The 2-8,000 gallon tanks  
One for Virgin HCl  
One for Waste HCl + H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>+</sup>  
One 3,000 gallon Pickle  
tank fed into Waste HCl  
tank.

The Drum Storage Building  
Sealed Concrete Diked  
Continued Seamed, installed in '89  
40' x 80', Two separate Diked  
areas, 1 - Leachate Waste  
2 - for ALCO SWAMP  
- Not Shaded -

② Former Drum Storage Area  
Gravel Pad  
Roped off.

Remediation activities were  
performed for this area

Closure occurred in 1987  
WDNR approved closure.

WWTS (sanitary)  
Activated Sludge

Dynamal in Detroit  
Removes the  
1987 installed

Pond System 1965  
Material TCLP # EPTX  
Non-toxic. Special Waste  
Ponds constructed of Bentonite

Aut. Sealed



30

3 million Gallons	Satellite Accumulation
Ponds 2, 3, 4, 4	used since 1980 or '81
200, - 300,000 gallons each	Chlorination Building 1 → 2
Pond 1	Building 5 → 1
1, 5 M gallons	Building 2, 3, 4, 7 → 3 or 5
Overflow is in Pond 4	Building 11 → 14 → 2 or 3
Can Pump from 3 & 4	Building 6 → Mass
Overflow leads to Pond 5	
Pondry Sand Roll-off	Non-Chlorinated Building 2, 3, 4, 7 → 2
12 yds picked up	MEK, acetone, methanol mixed together & shipped out
2 times / wk.	
Used since '82 or '83	Acetone is kept separate
Pondry has had byproducts	
back in ~ '81	
Neutralization Tank is ~ 9,000 gallons	
Prior to '81 when ROR went into	
Fast Soluble	



13:10 A.R. permits

Facility provided a list  
of processes for which  
an A.R. permit is required.  
Compliance problems:

NOV for 2 issues

Dust Collector

was shut down

Over was Moved.

13:10 Begin Tour.

Building 1 West end  
of Parity

13:15 P. 20 ① Building 1

Northwest

Dust Collector.

~~Test Station~~

13:15

P. 20 ② Building 1

North

SA for

Chloroethane

Left Building 1

to Building 5

Floor drains in Facility

Buildings Go to Ponds.

South of Building 5

3 Facility and

Roll off Box

One can see the

~~Chloro~~

Waste Mgt. Box

lined with plastic

P. 20 ③ NW

Roll off Box

Test Station

13:44	Pict 14	NE			Floor is sealed concrete
	Dust Collector				
	W on South Side	13:47	Pict 7	DSB (Bldg 16)	
	Building S			South East	
13:35	Pict 5	Building S	13:49	Pict 8	South
	Pure Earth Dept.			DSB (Bldg 16)	
	South			Pict 9	East
	Trick brook			Pict 10	South
	Pict 6	Building S		Pict 11	North
	Used Oil SAA			Pict 12	North
13:44	Left Building S		13:52	Pict 13	South
	to Building S			Pict 14	South
	Down Storage Bldg			Pict 15	South
	West Side is Lumber West			Pict 16	South
	East Side is South			Pict 17	South
	Ben separates the two Aves			Pict 18	South
	Each side has a ramp			Pict 19	South
	That side			Pict 20	South



14:00 Pict (14) North  
 North Eastern Tank  
 Note: Solids are  
 blue & blue  
 fines that are  
 fines come with  
 water due to paint  
 pigments.  
 Pict (15) Paint Waste  
 Bldg 10  
 North East  
 Paint Storage Bldg  
 Into Bldg 4  
 Pict (16) Waste HCL & H<sub>2</sub>O  
 ASTs  
 2000 gal.  
 Rather low steel  
 Secondary Containment  
 AT Shield

13:55 Pict (12) Former DSA  
 North  
 Area is from Pile  
 can be left to AT  
 (Arts store Pict)  
 Pict (13) SFA for Northern  
 West  
 North of Bldg 4  
 North Eastern Tank  
 Baffles collect Solids  
 Solids are removed  
 w/ Tank Truck  
 Part 1000



Used HCL is on left  
Picture is facing S.  
can N road Building #4

14:30 left Building #4  
Back to Facility Rep. Office  
for exit Mtg.

14:55 Exit Mtg.  
Facility Rep. wanted to  
know about receiving  
a copy of the report.

15:00 Concluded Meeting  
left facility.

~~Left S. Duke~~

Surrounding  
North - Agriculture  
Residential  
Feed Mill  
Stade

Northwest - Alcan Manufacturing Co.  
East - Agriculture  
Southwest - Residence  
Sunset Motel

South - Agriculture  
Residential  
Dinos Steak House,  
U-Save Auto Rental  
Fred & Frank's House  
of B. H. / es

Lenox Hill & AC  
East - Residential

~~Left S. Duke~~



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

12/4/92  
RECEIVED  
WMD RCRA  
RECORD CENTER

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

HRE-8J

November 25, 1992

Bob Lippe  
Supervisor of Analytical Services  
Arnold Engineering Company  
3300 West Street  
Marengo, Illinois 60152

Re: Visual Site Inspection  
Arnold Engineering Company  
Marengo, Illinois  
EPA ID No. ILD 005 163 803

Dear Mr. Lippe:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region V will conduct a Preliminary Assessment including a Visual Site Inspection (PA/VSI) at the referenced facility. This inspection is conducted pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA) Section 3007 and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA) Section 104(e). The referenced facility has generated, treated, stored, or disposed of hazardous waste subject to RCRA. The PA/VSI requires identification and systematic review of all solid waste streams at the facility. The objective of the PA/VSI is to determine whether or not releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents have occurred or are occurring at the facility which may require further investigation. This analysis will also provide information to establish priorities for addressing any confirmed releases.

The visual site inspection of your facility is to verify the location of all solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) to make a cursory determination of their condition by visual observation. The definitions of SWMUs and AOCs are included in Attachment I. The VSI supplements and updates data gathered during a preliminary file review. During this site inspection, no samples will be taken. A sampling visit to ascertain if releases of hazardous waste or constituents have occurred may be required at a later date.

Assistance of some of your personnel may be required in reviewing solid waste flow(s) or previous disposal practices. The site inspection is to provide a technical understanding of the present and past waste flows and handling, treatment, storage, and disposal practices. Photographs of the facility are necessary to document the condition of the units at the facility and the waste management practices used.

The VSI has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 1992. The inspection team will consist of Scott Storlid and Trent Schade of PRC Environmental Management, Inc., a contractor for the U.S. EPA. Representatives of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

November 25, 1992

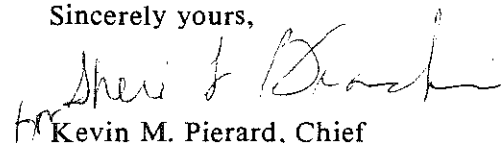
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(IEPA) may also be present. Your cooperation in admitting and assisting them while on site is appreciated.

The U.S. EPA recommends that personnel who are familiar with present and past manufacturing and waste management activities be available during the VSI. Access to any relevant maps, diagrams, hydrogeologic reports, environmental assessment reports, sampling data sheets, environmental permits (air, NPDES), manifests and/or correspondence is also necessary, as such information is needed to complete the PA/VSI.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 886-4448 or Francene Harris at (312) 886-2884. A copy of the Preliminary Assessment/Visual Site Inspection Report, excluding the conclusions and Executive Summary portion will be sent when the report is available.

Sincerely yours,

  
for Kevin M. Pierard, Chief  
OH/MN Technical Enforcement Section

Enclosure

cc: Larry Eastep, IEPA